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Recent Cabinet departures have left Peter Walker as the main 'doubting Thomas' within Downing Street. *The Times* profiles the Energy Secretary, whose reputation as leading 'Wet' rests on a broad base within the party.

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Portfolio

The Times Portfolio daily competition prize of £2,000 was shared by two winners yesterday. Mrs Linda Coutts, of Chalfont St Giles, Bucks, and Mrs M E Chandler, of Milton Keynes, each receive £1,000. Portfolio list, page 20; how to play, information service, back page.

Budget tax bonanza planned for charities

By Richard Evans, Lobby Reporter

Charities are set to receive a multi-million pound Budget Day boost as a result of a radical change to the tax laws.

Mr Nigel Lawson, Chancellor of the Exchequer is understood to have agreed in principle to introduce an American-style tax incentive scheme which will allow individuals and companies who make donations to charities to set them against tax.

The change, which has the enthusiastic support of the Prime Minister, is expected to lead to a massive increase in the annual income of charities, now estimated to be about £10,000 million a year.

With Mr Lawson's scope for tax cuts or increases in tax thresholds severely limited by the recent dramatic fall in oil prices, the charities package could form one of the most popular measures in his Budget.

Apart from campaigning by Britain's charity network, Mr Lawson came under strong pressure to introduce the changes at the turn of the year from four senior ministerial colleagues who have a close interest in charities.

Mr Douglas Hurd, the Home Secretary, Mr Norman Fowler, Secretary of State for Social Services, Mr Timothy Raison, Minister for Overseas Development, and Mr Richard Luce, Minister for the Arts, are understood to have submitted a paper to the Treasury outlining the advantages.

Mr Brian Rix, secretary general of Mencap, the charity for the mentally handicapped, who has led the call for the tax changes, predicted last night that donations could increase by 30 per cent.

"If this proves to be true it would be a tremendous boost to charities who rely upon the instant response of generous doners. I am delighted and trust that the Chancellor will not dash our hopes on March 18," he said.

Mr Tim Yeo, Conservative MP for Suffolk South and former director of the Spastics Society, said: "I think without question that over the next four or five years a change of this sort could result in tens of millions of extra pounds being donated to charities.

"It would certainly open up the possibility of much higher income from companies and some increase in income from individuals.

" The real potential is shown by what happens in America where companies donate something like 20 times the proportion of profits donated by British firms to charities."

Individuals and companies can currently donate cash to charities by means of covenants, which allows the recipient organization to reclaim the tax originally paid by the donor.

But the covenant system has been criticized as inflexible with donors being legally bound to give cash for a minimum of four years and having to fill in formidible forms for the Inland Revenue.

Mr Lawson's changes are expected to be especially helpful to the arts world, where there has been continual conflict over the level of government funding. It has been estimated within Whitehall that the changes could result in an extra £10 million to £30 million a year being raised.

Charities, which have no general VAT relief, are exempted from income tax, corporation taxand capital gains tax.



Israeli soldiers and armoured personnel carrier in the south Lebanon village of Khourb al-Salem yesterday.

Threat to kill Israeli captive

By Our Foreign Staff

Islamic Resistance, which has claimed responsibility for the kidnapping in south Lebanon on Monday of two Israeli soldiers, yesterday threatened to execute one of them if Israeli forces do not withdraw from Lebanon before 7 pm GMT today.

The group issued the warning in a communique distributed to the press along with photocopies of the identity cards and discs of two Israeli soldiers, Joseph Bennech and Rahani Levichek.

"We warn Israel of the need to withdraw immediately and totally from all the villages that were targets of the latest Israeli invasion", the communique said, in a reference to the wide-ranging Israeli search operation for the two soldiers.

Israeli troops swept through south Lebanon yesterday, killing at least three guerrillas and losing a soldier in clashes with Shia Muslim fundamentalist militiamen, security sources said.

The guerrillas were killed, and three others wounded, at Srifa, 10 miles north of Israel's "security zone". Four other fighters were wounded at the village of Kabrikha, four miles south-west, Muslim militia officials said.

Gunmen positioned on the coast shot and killed an Israeli corporal on board a Navy vessel patrolling near the port of Tyre, 46 miles south of Beirut, the Israeli Defence Force said. It identified him as Corporal Daniel Amar, aged 19, of Natanya.

Lebanese police sources said there was fierce combat yesterday afternoon at Deir Kifa, 1.5 miles south of Srifa. Helicopters were trying to land paratroops at the scene. One helicopter was downed near Tyre, the sources claimed.

An Israeli column of 25 vehicles was seen moving to Tebaine, three miles north of the security zone. Earlier, Israeli military officials claimed there was no resistance. The officials said two of the guerrillas who took part in the kidnapping were arrested in the sweep.

In the village of Khirbet Selm, Israeli troops rounded up prisoners while armoured personnel carriers blocked access to the area and helicopter gunships wheeled overhead.

A driver on one approach road crashed his car into the ditch in panic as a helicopter began firing a 20mm Gatling gun over hills and valleys

The Israeli Defence Minister, Mr Yitzhak Rabin, visited the security zone yesterday and said that the Israeli forces had already uncovered large arms deposits. He said that the IDF would return to its previous mode of operations in south Lebanon as soon as this operation produced the desired results.

Rank makes £740m offer for Granada

By Cliff Feltham

The takeover wave which has been sweeping the Stock Exchange looked set to spread to the nation's television screens yesterday as Granada, makers of *Coronation Street* and *The Jewel in the Crown* received an unwanted and unexpected £740 million bid from the Rank Organisation.

If successful the bid would create a £1.8 billion group with interests from business machinery to Butlin's by way of hotels, motorway service stations, cinemas and theatres, television rental and the Pinewood film studios, in addition to the Granada TV interests.

Granada has the ITV franchise for the North-west of England, and its Manchester studios have been one of the main sources of ITV network programmes since the launching of commercial television in the 1950s.

Rank is offering a straight five-for-nine share swap, and with Rank shares at 547p that values each Granada share at 304p. There is a cash alternative of 275p.

News of the bid provoked another spurt on the Stock Exchange yesterday, where the FT 30 index rose 13.6 points to close at a record of 1,234.3. Granada shares shot up 68p to 308p.

Sir Patrick Meaney, the chairman of Rank, said he had first put forward the idea of a merger last August but Mr Alex Bernstein, Granada's chairman, said then that he preferred to stay independent.

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The proposal was repeated at a lunchtime meeting yesterday, when Granada again turned down the idea

A few weeks ago Granada broke off merger discussions with Ladbroke — whose chairman, Mr Cyril Stein, yesterday made clear that was the end of the affair.

Sir Patrick said: "As far as we are concerned, that (Granada's discussions with Ladbroke) indicated that they were obviously willing to consider a merger and so we have decided to go for them. We think a merger with us makes a great deal more sense than one with Ladbroke. However we don't feel that this bid is any any way hostile."

The group has been studying a number of likely takeover targets for the past year, having only recently reorganized its own business after pressure from City institutions.

Rank feels that Granada will provide an ideal fit, particularly in their joint operations of more than 100 bingo and social clubs and motorway service stations. But the main attraction for Rank is Granada's nationwide chain of 650 television and video rental shops, which contributed around 60 per cent of Granada's £64 million profit total last year.

Rank sees considerable potential for selling holidays through the shops. It sold two million holidays last year

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Tests find cracks in BA jumbo nose ribs

By Michael Horsnell

Emergency airworthiness tests by British Airways have revealed cracks in all six older Boeing 747s so far examined.

This was confirmed by the airline yesterday after the Civil Aviation Authority ordered further checks.

Fifteen of BA's 30 747s are of the early 100 series, dating back to 1971; internal checks on the other nine will be completed next month.

The CAA directive follows one to US carriers by the American Federal Aviation Authority. British Airways had already begun its tests.

Despite the widespread discovery of cracks in the ribs of the nose section, the CAA says that there is no reason to question 747s' safety.

The CAA and the airline are anxious to quell fears in view of BA's impending privatization. The Government does not welcome the embarrassment of current safety fears.

Neither body could say how serious the defects were. But officials point out that they do not match the high concentration in five Japan Air Lines short-range jumbos.

Mr John Chaplin, CAA director of safety services, said: "These aircraft are safe to fly; if they were not, we would have them on the ground."

● Boeing has asked operators to check bolts on the main wing flap, after two small sections of a BA 747 wing fell away at Boston last December.

Second leak at Sellafield plant

By Peter Davenport

A second radioactive leak has been reported at the Sellafield nuclear reprocessing plant in Cumbria, only 13 days after 11 workers were contaminated in a separate incident.

British Nuclear Fuels said yesterday that radioactive water had leaked from a fractured drain pipe leading from the building on the site where spent nuclear fuel is cooled in water before reprocessing.

Part of the plant was cordoned off and a number of staff were evacuated. A Sellafield spokesman said last night that the break in the drainpipe had been discovered at midday, and was later sealed.

"It led to low active pond water being discharged into the purpose-built containment trench resulting in an increase in radioactivity in the immediate vicinity", he said.

"The area was cordoned off and initial monitoring showed little potential hazard to the workforce in the vicinity".

The spokesman said initial tests showed that exposure to personnel was not serious, but further investigations were underway. "We consider this a minor incident", he said.

However, he could not say how much radioactive water had leaked or how many workers were evacuated.

The incident had been reported to trade union officials, the local liaison committee and the Nuclear Installation Inspectorate.

It follows the recent escape of radioactive plutonium mist from a building in the complex. BNFL said only two of the 70 workers evacuated had been contaminated, but it later admitted that 11 had been affected.

● A baby was born prematurely at Sellafield on Monday in the first birth at the nuclear plant. The mother, believed to be aged about 18 and unmarried, worked as a secretary for a contracting firm.

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Wapping violence attacked

By Anthony Bevins
Political Correspondent

The Prime Minister yesterday condemned picketline violence at News International's Wapping works as disgraceful and urged Mr Neil Kinnock to join her in the attack.

But the Labour leader replied during the Commons questions: "In condemning the violence wherever it occurs, will the Prime Minister also acknowledge the contribution made to try to stop violence by leaders of Sogat and the NGA and the way they have roundly condemned those who bring their unions and their activities into disrepute?"

Mrs Thatcher recognized what Mr Kinnock had said, and added: "I am glad he totally condemns violence, I hope on each and every picket line or demonstration wherever it occurs, and I would be grateful if he would confirm that." Mr Kinnock did not respond.

Earlier, the Prime Minister had been asked by Mr Jerry Hayes, Conservative MP for Harlow, whether she would condemn the violence at Wapping—where there have been 194 arrests since the dispute began—particularly the attacks on the police.

He also asked her to persuade the union leaders to follow Mr Kinnock's example by rooting out "some of the

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Land Rover rivals get bid deadline

By Philip Webster, Political Reporter

Land Rover will be sold to General Motors along with the BL truck operation unless rivals can put together within two or three weeks bids which the Government and the Leyland board are convinced offer a better prospect for the companies' future.

Senior ministers disclosed the new deadline last night and underlined their firm belief that the General Motors deal, at an advanced stage and which ministers hope will be concluded within the next few weeks, remains the best commercial bet.

It was also revealed that General Motors has always made it plain that Land Rover must form part of the deal. As Tory MPs continued to voice discontent at the proposed US deal, ministers disclosed that in addition to Lonrho and Aveling Barford, three other companies, two foreign and one British, have expressed an interest in Land Rover, and one other foreign company has expressed an interest in the truck business.

But no firm bids have been received. Although ministers doubted whether it would be feasible for the other companies to meet the mid-March deadline they gave an assurance that serious proposals will be given a chance.

But both for the Government and General Motors the situation could not be allowed to drift, ministers said. General Motors needed to find a solution for Bedford which was losing heavily, while the Government would face the prospect of putting in more money to sustain the business.

Ministers are unhappy at the opposition of Tory MPs to the deal, but believe they can ride the storm.

Mr John Taylor, Conservative MP for Solihull, yesterday led a delegation of Midlands councillors and union representatives to Mr Peter Morrison, Minister of State for Industry, to press for a British solution for Land Rover. He said afterwards that they had been "less than reassured".

The Prime Minister's preference for the American option was again evident in the Commons yesterday.

The Government's position among Midlands Tories was slightly eased when Mr Hal Miller, MP for Bromsgrove, backed the General Motors solution for Land Rover. Mr Miller, a vice chairman of the Conservative Party, said they had the resources and the markets to assure the company a successful future.

Lloyd's chief

Mr Alan Lord, former top executive with Dunlop, the tyres group, has been appointed chief executive and deputy chairman of Lloyd's insurance market in succession to Mr Ian Hay Davison.

Interest rate optimism

By Sarah Hogg, Economics Editor

Interest rate prospects brightened yesterday following official figures showing that an unexpectedly large surplus allowed the public sector to repay £4.5 billion of borrowing in January.

Money market rates fell far enough to remove all pressure for an increase in bank base rates above the present 12½ per cent level. The pound rose nearly a cent, despite a strengthening in the dollar, to close in London at $1.4290.

January's public-sector surplus brought the borrowing requirement for the first 10 months of the financial year down to only £3.2 billion, less than half the full-year figure most recently forecast by the Chancellor.

Although the public sector normally moves back into heavy borrowing at the end of the financial year, official forecasts now look comfortably within reach.

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Loophole on parking fines

By Richard Evans

Motorists may be able to claim back thousands of pounds in parking fines after being convicted under the wrong Act, according to a legal expert yesterday.

London's Metropolitan Police had sent out summonses under the 1974 Road Traffic Act for parking offences. But the relevant parts were repealed by the Road Traffic Regulation Act on September 26, 1984. It was under that Act that parking offences should be brought, the expert said. The aggrieved could seek to have their convictions quashed through the courts.

A London doctor yesterday won an appeal at Knightsbridge Crown Court against conviction under the 1974 Act.

According to one estimate, many thousands of people could have been wrongly convicted and fined during the year ending January 30. But since then the Metropolitan Police had been amending summonses so that they were under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the expert said.

The court heard yesterday that Dr John Keet, a consultant physician in Wimpole Street, was convicted by Wells Street magistrates in December for failing to comply with the statutory statement of ownership in relation to a parking ticket.

He appealed against conviction and was awarded legal costs yesterday after Mr John Reekers, prosecuting, offered no evidence.

Mr Reekers told the hearing:" Dr Keet was summonsed and convicted under the wrong section. A conviction under the 1974 Act without reference to the 1984 Act cannot stand."

Miss Renee Calder, defence counsel, told the hearing she had pointed out the relevant sections of the 1984 Act to the magistrates Dr Keet was convicted by.

Judge Curtis Raleigh said: "The point is not that the magistrates were in ignorance of the Act but that the learned clerk should have told them."

Bar gets leave to fight for pay rise

By Frances Gibb

The Bar won leave in the High Court yesterday to bring its unprecedented legal challenge against the Lord Chancellor over his decision to limit the pay rise for criminal legal aid work to 5 per cent for inflation.

A packed courtroom heard Mr Thomas Morison QC accuse the Lord Chancellor of acting illegally in failing to consult and negotiate with the Bar over the pay increases, and for failing to comply with his statutory duty to pay "fair and reasonable" rates of remuneration.

Mr Morison, appearing for Mr Robert Alexander QC, the chairman of the Bar, in whose name the legal proceedings are being brought, said the Lord Chancellor had a duty to determine fees on a rational basis. "Figures can't be plucked out of the air."

The Bar of England and Wales, in the name of its chairman, who was in court for the hearing, was seeking leave to challenge the Lord Chancellor's decision by means of judicial review. After a 45-minute hearing, Lord Justice Watkins said he recognized "there is a case to answer."

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Capsule ban

The American drugs giant, Johnson & Johnson, is ending the sale of all non-prescription drugs in capsule form to prevent tampering that recently caused a death

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Historic trial

The trial of Gary Austin, aged 24, opened at St Albans Crown Court as a result of the first private manslaughter prosecution since 1950. He is alleged to have helped a drug user who later died to inject himself

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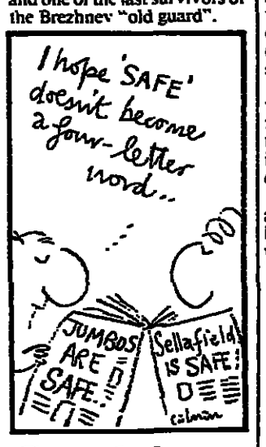
Bush victims

The bodies of three adults and three children were found near an abandoned station wagon in the Australian outback, apparently the victims of dehydration

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Heffer warns Labour of 'civil war' over Liverpool purge

By Philip Webster, Political Reporter

A senior Labour left-winger spoke yesterday of civil war in the party if the national executive committee carries out a purge of the Liverpool Labour Party and if there are moves to withdraw the whip from two MPs who support the Militant Tendency.

Reports that the just-completed inquiry into the Liverpool party could bring its disbandment and the expulsion of several Militant supporters have provoked anger on the left.

Yesterday Mr Eric Heffer, MP for Liverpool, Walton, wrote in a letter to Labour's general secretary, Mr Larry Whitty: "A witch-hunt against Liverpool party members and some MPs will not satisfy the right-wing Press. What can happen is civil war within the party, and if that occurs we shall be handing electoral success to the SDP-Liberal Alliance."

Some members of the centre-right believe that the natural follow-up to tough action over Liverpool would be the withdrawal of the Labour whip from Mr Dave Nellist, MP for Coventry South East, and Mr Terry Fields, MP for Liverpool, Broadgreen.

● The final list of names of Liverpool members to be recommended for expulsion will be drawn up at a meeting of the inquiry team today (Peter Davenport writes).

The report will go to all 26 members of the national executive for consideration over the weekend in advance of the meeting next Wednesday when they will consider the recommendations for action.

Mr Derek Hatton, deputy leader of Liverpool City Council and Mr Tony Mulhearn, president of the district party, are thought certain to be expelled.

Some sources indicated yesterday that any new constitution for the Liverpool party would stipulate that it would be able to draw delegates only from wards and constituencies.

● Yesterday Mr Ray Gill, the acting regional organizer for the party in the North west, confirmed that his office had received telephone complaints about alleged voting irregularities involving Mr Hatton.

They centred on a meeting of the Childwall ward on Monday at which Mr Hatton was elected chairman by a majority of one and, also by a majority of two, nominated for the chairmanship of the Broadgreen constituency.

Mr Hatton said he had no comment to make.



Young workers on a Community Programme project (above) with a George III cannon found during the unearthing of the seventeenth-century Amhurst Fort overlooking Chatham Harbour.

The programme, praised by Mrs Margaret Thatcher on television on Monday as a "pretty good capital programme", has so far given nearly half a million long-term unemployed jobs on community projects at a cost of £1.65billion (Patricia Clough writes).

Although it cannot demonstrate it statistically, the Manpower Services Commission (MSC), which administers the programme, believes strongly that it improves people's chances of getting regular work.

A survey carried out by the MSC of 2,500 people who took part in the programme in 1983-84 found that 25 per cent went straight into regular employment. Eight and a half months later 31 per cent of them had jobs.

The programme was launched in its present form in October 1982

(Photograph, Peter Trievnor).

Tycoon 'dead in locked chapel'

A man's New Year's Eve revels ended when he discovered the blood-soaked body of fashion tycoon Aristos Constantinou,an inquest heard yesterday.

Mr Constantinou was shot in the private chapel of his £1.7 million mansion in Hampstead, north London, on New Year's Day last year.

His widow, now Mrs Elena Nugent, had flown from the United States to attend Hornsey Coroner's Court.

Mr Richard Velleman, of High Road, Finchley, said he was riding home when he came across a woman shouting and screaming in The Bishop's Avenue, known as Millionaire's Row, in Hampstead.

Mrs Constantinou told Mr Velleman she had climbed out of an upstairs bathroom window and that two men, one of them black, had locked her in the room after forcing her to open the safe.

Mr Velleman got in through the same window and broke open a panel in the locked door.

He said he walked along a dimly lit hallway and found Mr Constantinou's body face down in a pool of blood.He could feel no pulse.

Mr Constantinou,aged 40, was shot seven times with a rare .25 automatic pistol which used 30-year-old silver bullets no longer available.

As she arrived for yesterday's hearing, Mrs Nugent was approached by Mr Barnes Wilson,from Colindale Avenue,north London.Mr Wilson said he had served a writ for an unpaid bill of £374.78 for a carpet to replace the blood-stained carpet.

Rethink decision, Argentines urged

By Nicholas Ashford, diplomatic correspondent

British MPs were last night urging four members of a visiting Argentine Parliamentary delegation to reconsider their earlier decision to reject an invitation from the Government to hold talks with Mr Timothy Eggar, a junior Foreign Office minister, later this week.

The group's British hosts, the South Atlantic Council, feared that if the Argentines persisted in their refusal to meet Mr Eggar, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State at the Foreign Office, this would be seen as a snub in London and would jeopardize the improvement in British-Argentinian relations which their visit to London this week had so far achieved.

Mr Cyril Townsend, the MP for Bexleyheath, and chairman of the South Atlantic Council which was set up to improve understanding between the two former Falklands foes, said last night that the situation was very confused.

He remained hopeful, however, that the meeting, which he had initiated, would still go ahead on Friday.

He said that domestic pressures in Buenos Aires were behind their rejection of the invitation to meet Mr Eggar.

The delegation's visit to Britain had aroused criticism in the Argentine capital before they set out, and that criticism had increased when it was learnt that they might meet a member of the British Government.

The four, Senator Adolfo Gass, Senator Julio Amoedo, Senor Federico Storani and Senor Julio Bordon, are here on a goodwill visit to hold talks with British Parliamentarians.

Yesterday the four held "friendly and constructive" talks with a group of British MPs led by Sir Anthony Kershaw.

Mr David Crouch, Conservative MP for Canterbury, said after the meeting that he detected indications of greater flexibility on the Argentine side.

There were no signs of any flexibility from the Prime Minister, however, when she referred to the Falklands during Question Time.

"I wish to make it absolutely clear that the sovereignty of the Falklands is not negotiable and that the wishes of the Falkland Islanders are and will remain paramount," she told a questioner.

Earlier the Foreign Office had announced that Baroness Young, Minister of State at the Foreign Office, is to pay a six-day visit to the disputed islands, starting this Sunday.

Perks for lawyers in commerce

By Our Legal Affairs Correspondent

The earnings of solicitors in commerce and industry far outstrip those of their colleagues in private practice and are usually boosted with valuable perquisites, according to a new survey by the management consultants Hay-MSL.

More than half the 377 solicitors sampled earned more than £26,000, with a quarter earning more than £43,000, the survey showed. Perquisites are widespread, with nearly 80 per cent of solicitors receiving a car, with an average price of £10,000.

Among the senior job levels, the chief legal advisers, nearly all solicitors, receive a car. About 85 per cent have the subscription to their professional body paid.

There is a close relationship between age and years of experience, and average salaries rise by almost £1,000 a year from the date of qualification, with solicitors aged 26 (one year qualified) earning £14,300, rising steadily to £34,000 for solicitors in their late forties.

The survey is published shortly after another, which showed that solicitors in private practice had earnings which were significantly lower than those of other professional people.

Taxing problem of the lower paid

By Lawrence Lever

The lower paid are paying more in tax and national insurance than when the Conservative Government came to power, according to the Institute of Fiscal Studies.

Average gross weekly earnings for a male teacher at a secondary school in 1979, were £93.44, of which about 28.53 per cent was deducted in income tax and national insurance contributions. Last year, average earnings were £169.90, while the tax burden had risen to 32.19 per cent.

Nurses are paying slightly less than 5 per cent more of earnings in tax and national insurance than in 1979, while secretaries and cleaners pay just over 4 per cent more.

IFS estimates for 1986 put the average weekly earnings for a nurse at £130.31, with 29.24 per cent going in tax and national insurance,leaving £92.21.

In the last four budgets the Government reduced the tax burden by increases in the real level of tax allowances rather than reducing the basic rate, with a 30 per cent rise since 1979. It was this budget which heralded a reduction in basic rates from 33 per cent.

However the institute says if the resources used to increase allowances had been used to cut the basic rate, there would be a rate of 26.5p.

The problem with raising allowances is that this does not affect sufficient numbers of those most in need: heads of families with children who find that an increase in gross pay leaves them worse off by increasing tax and insurance contributions, while reducing state benefits.

IFS says although about two million people would be removed from tax liability by a 30 per cent increase in allowances, only 100,000 would come from this category.

Cutting basic rates will not affect the numbers paying tax, but it does improve the position of those people who would be or would almost be financially better off on benefits.

Nevertheless, the IFS says if the Government was to spend £6 billion on tax cuts, by a 5 per cent cut in basic rate, or a 30 per cent increase in allowances ,those earning less than £250 a week gross would benefit more from the allowance increase.

The advantage of raising allowances is that all basic rate tax payers will have the same increase in net income, an increase proportionally the greatest benefit for those on lowest incomes.

Times man to head agency

Mr Colin Webb, aged 46, deputy editor of *The Times*, is to succeed Mr David Chipp as editor-in-chief of the Press Association, the national news agency. Mr Tim Morris, chairman of the PA, said yesterday.

A former reporter with the agency, Mr Webb was editor of the *Cambridge Evening News* from 1974 to 1982, and has held his present post for four years. Mr Chipp, aged 58, announced last June his intention to retire from the PA after more than 16 years. Mr Webb will join the agency on a date to be announced soon.

Dud notes gang get 15 years

Three members of a multi-million pound banknote forgery ring, smashed by a James Bond-style undercover detective, were jailed yesterday.

The men were arrested in an operation by a detective identified only as Sergeant Henry. During the trial at Leicester Crown Court he was described as the "James Bond" of the regional crime squad.

The syndicate planned to flood Britain with forged £50 notes acknowledged to be "excellent" copies.

Sgt Henry infiltrated the syndicate, posing as a crooked businessman, after first making contact at a lonely Berkshire farmhouse.

Sgt Henry said he received a death threat from one of the gang while he posed as a crooked businessman wanting to buy £250,000 worth of forged notes.

Yesterday Billy Potter, aged 41, of Drummond Road, Romford, Essex, was jailed for seven years after being found guilty of conspiring to supply forged £50 notes between January 1984 and February 1985.

He admitted possessing 1,713 £50 notes last February knowing them to be forged and also to intending to supply 5,287 £50 notes to Sgt Henry.

John Kenny, aged 38, of Avon Grove, Bletchley, Buckinghamshire, was jailed for five and a half years after being convicted on the conspiracy charge and pleading guilty to intending to supply.

John Glasgow, aged 41, of Walsh's Manor, Stantonbury, Milton Keynes, was jailed for 27 months. He pleaded guilty to attempting to supply the forged notes to Sgt Henry.

NUT to continue wage claim action

Members of the National Union of Teachers (NUT) have voted overwhelmingly for a series of short strikes in the next few weeks, in spite of the provisional settlement of the teachers' salaries dispute.

NUT members voted by three to one for continued industrial action, calling on the union's 216,000-strong membership to take part in half-day walk-outs or individual stoppages.

Mr Fred Jarvis, NUT general secretary, hailed yesterday's result as "a resounding thumbs down" to the preliminary deal, which offers teachers a 6.9 per cent pay rise backdated to April last year, plus a further 1.6 per cent on March 31 this year.

The deal will almost certainly be ratified if it is approved next week by the National Association of Schoolmasters/Union of Women Teachers.

● A St Helen's mother was yesterday given leave to challenge in the High Court a plan by the local education authority to amalgamate Cowley County and Rivington County high schools.

Mrs Patricia Davis, of Windlehall Drive, who has two children at Cowley, claims that St Helen's Metropolitan Borough Council acted unlawfully when it decided to merge the schools next year.

● The Assistant Masters' and Mistresses' Association, which has so far co-operated with preparations for the new 16-plus examination, has called for a delay in introducing the GCSE course to replace O-levels and CSEs.

BP again cuts price of petrol

By David Young, Energy Correspondent

BP, which is set to announce a near-record profit tomorrow, has again cut its petrol price in the wake of falling world crude oil prices.

Average prices at BP and National petrol stations should fall by 2.7p a gallon to just over 181p. Other big oil companies are expected to announce similar cuts by the end of the week.

However motoring organizations remain convinced that the oil companies can reduce prices to nearer 170p a gallon and still retain a large profit margin.

Several of the smaller companies, notably the Jet chain, are already selling petrol at about 175p a gallon.

McGlinchey trial delay

The trial of Dominic McGlinchey, aged 32, once the most wanted man in Ireland, was adjourned for two days yesterday after a court was told he had dismissed his legal representative two weeks before the case was due to begin.

Dublin's non-jury Special Criminal Court granted a defence request for an adjournment for further consultation over charges in connection with a shoot-out before his arrest in 1984.

Specialists clash at inquiry

Leading specialists clashed again yesterday at the inquiry into the competence of Mrs Wendy Savage, the consultant obstetrician at the London Hospital who has been suspended since last April.

Mr Gordon Bourne, the North East Thames Regional Health Authority's assessor in obstetrics, said he disagreed with the view of Mr John Dennis, Professor of Obstetrics at Southampton University, that in one of the cases being considered at the inquiry there was in effect "no case to answer".

In the case, a girl aged 15 was in labour for more than 18 hours before a Caesarean delivery. Mr Bourne said he found it hard to believe that in the circumstances Professor Dennis would have agreed that the labour should continue.

He agreed, however, that the management of the case would not be considered by most doctors to indicate incompetence.

Security clampdown on GCHQ computers

By Bill Johnstone, Technology Correspondent

The Government Communications Headquarters (GCHQ) at Cheltenham, the subject of recent security leaks, has commissioned experts to ensure that government computers holding classified information are spy-proof.

The British computer specialist, Logica, has been awarded a contract in partnership with Admiral Computing to test the security of sensitive government machines.

GCHQ computers contain highly classified material gathered by its staff when monitoring foreign broadcasts. The material includes information on codes and deciphering techniques used by the British and other nations when transmitting top security information.

The Americans have been particularly concerned about the general level of security in Britain, largely because of recent leaks and subsequent prosecutions. The first task of the partnership will be to test the security of the present computer systems used by sensitive government agencies.

Judge halts UDR trial

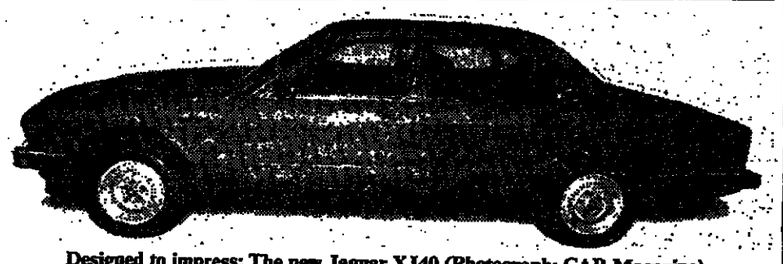
The trial of six Ulster Defence Regiment soldiers was halted yesterday when the judge dismissed himself from hearing the case involving the killing of a Roman Catholic.

Mr Justice Hutton told Belfast Crown Court he had been prejudiced because the prosecution had unnecessarily raised a doubt about the only witness to the killing of Adrian Carroll in Armagh City two years ago.

The five men accused of murder were remanded in custody. The sixth, who is charged with withholding information about the killing, was granted bail.

Royal jockey

Princess Anne is to ride one of the Queen's horses in the coming flat race season. The announcement by Buckingham Palace effectively ends speculation that she is expecting her third child.



Designed to impress: The new Jaguar XJ40 (Photograph: CAR Magazine)

Jaguar's luxurious new sleek look

Designed to cruise beyond the year 2000, Jaguar's new, luxurious XJ40 was unveiled yesterday.

The sleek successor to Jaguar's Series-3 is more modern in detail, with no single part being shared by the two models, except the steering wheel badge, according to *CAR Magazine*.

Missing from the new car are the bulbous doors and metal sculpture surrounding the headlamps, the awkward tail lights and the excess of chrome.

The XJ40 is about 200lb lighter, model for model, than the Series-3, and has more cabin length, more shoulder room and a bigger and more practical boot, *CAR Magazine says*.

The new Jaguar, tipped to be unveiled officially at the Birmingham Motor Show this year, and on Britain's roads by early 1987, will have three engine options.

The first two, versions of the AJ6 engine, will be launched straight away. The third, the 5.3 litre V12 model, is scheduled for late 1988 as an 1989 model.

Jaguar's new car, pledged to carry Coventry's fortunes on its back, was originally going to be an economy-oriented executive car, but Jaguar decided to return to the wood-and-leather theme.

Driving ban for Yarwood

Mike Yarwood, the television entertainer, was fined £200 yesterday and banned from driving for two years after admitting driving with too much alcohol in his blood.

Magistrates at Walton-on-Thames, Surrey, were told that Yarwood, aged 44, had a breath test reading of nearly three times the legal limit when he was stopped near his home in High Pine Close, Weybridge, on February 6.

Riot case man wins damages

Claudius David, aged 26, of Kenley House, Broadwater Farm estate, north London, was awarded £950 damages against the police by Tottenham magistrates yesterday.

He had been held in custody for 19 days accused of assisting in the retention of stolen goods during the estate riots last October, which he denied.

Couple fight Guernsey law in Strasbourg

By Christopher Warman, Property Correspondent

An English couple, who were prevented under a Guernsey housing law from living in their own home on the island, took their case against the island authorities to the European Court of Human Rights in Strasbourg yesterday.

Mr Gerald Gillow and his wife, Yvonne, claimed that the 1969 Housing Control Law, which stripped them of their residential status, contravened the European Convention on Human Rights.

They argued that the housing legislation was a "surrogate immigration measure" promulgated by connivance with the British Government.

The Gillows, now retired, moved to Guernsey in 1956, built their house and lived there until 1960, when Mr Gillow took an overseas post with a United Nations agency.

During their absence they rented the house to tenants, but when they returned in 1979 they found they were disqualified from the right of residence under the housing law.

The Guernsey housing authorities found that the Gillows' links with the island were not sufficiently close and denied them a licence to occupy their house.

The couple have the support of the European Commission of Human Rights, which concluded that the denial of the licence violated various articles in the convention that guarantee the Gillows' right to respect for their private and family life and of being entitled to the peaceful enjoyment of their possessions.

For the United Kingdom Government, Mr DeV.G.Carey contended that housing control on the densely populated island was "vitally important" and that the Guernsey authorities were justified in trying to stem the influx of newcomers.

He described the Gillows' claim that the law was a subterfuge for immigration conrol and a "mere device to conceal anti-British policies" as highly tendentious; it formed part of their "crusade" against the island.

£200m nuclear waste site planned for 1990s

By Pearce Wright, Science Editor

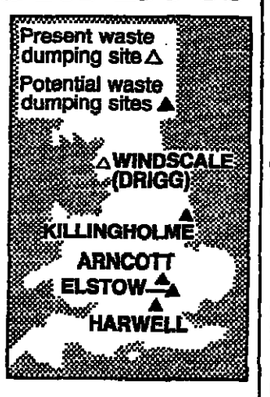
A land-based nuclear waste site for low-level and intermediate-level radioactive waste would cost more than £200million to build, the Cabinet has been told.

The site could be ready between 1992 and 1995. It would be used for 50 years and kept secure for another 300 years to allow the most active materials to decay to a safe level.

Those specifications are contained in a submission to the Cabinet for permission to conduct preliminary geological surveys in four places.

The request has been made by the Department of the Environment on behalf of the Nuclear Industry Radioactive Waste Executive, Nirex, which is based at Harwell, Oxfordshire. Government consent is expected this month.

Opponents, such as Friends of the Earth and the Town and Country Planning Association, expect an attempt to bypass part of the planning process.



Nirex said yesterday the surveys would take between six to 12 months, and that a public inquiry would be held.

The sites include old clay workings near Elstow, Bedfordshire; a former Ministry of Defence base near Arncott, Oxfordshire; a section of the Atomic Energy Research Establishment's grounds at Harwell; and land at an old power station at Killingholme, Humberside.

Thatcher condemns violence at Wapping

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extremists in their own organizations".

Mrs Thatcher replied: "We totally condemn the violence which has been occurring and which we saw on the television screens on Saturday night on the demonstrations outside Wapping.

"We understand that the majority were not thought to be printers. I nevertheless disgraceful they should attack the police in this way and we totally support the police."

Outside of the Commons, Sir Bob Reid, the British Rail chairman, threatened legal action against the rail unions if they ordered their members to black News International publications.

He also warned railway workers that they would be dismissed if they refused to handle copies of *The Times*, *The Sunday Times*, *The Sun* and the *News of the World*.

The newspapers have been distributed by road since the company moved to Wapping, but British Rail is anxious to regain the contract, which represents about a third of its annual £27 million newspaper distribution revenue.

It says News International has broken its contract and, "left us with resources for which we have to pay and from which we are getting no revenue".

But the British Rail chairman said he was sure the company had not ruled out a return to rail distribution in the long term. There would be further discussions, depending on how the Wapping dispute was resolved, but British Rail would do nothing yet because it did not wish to bother a customer under stress.

Asked what he would do if the contract was restored but the unions blacked the titles, Sir Bob replied: "We shall do exactly the same as last summer when people refused to go to work. We sacked them. We are managing this business, not the trade unions."

Mr Arthur Brittenden, a director of News International, yesterday denied that the company was considering printing its projected evening newspaper, *The London Post*, in Bouverie Street or Gray's Inn Road, using old technology and some of its dismissed print workers.

Mr Brittenden said it was still hoped to produce the new paper at Wapping. "But the launch has been put on the back-burner for the time being while we concentrate on producing our four existing titles", he said.

"We still intend to publish it, but we must get our problems at Wapping sorted out first. There is no intention to allow Sogat and NGA members to work at Wapping, so far as the existing titles are concerned, and I would presume that would extend to the *Post* as well."

● Two men arrested during a demonstration outside the plant last Thursday were bound over to keep the peace by Thames magistrates yesterday. Two others, including a Kent miner, were bailed accused of obstruction and using threatening behaviour.

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Drug death case opens after parents' fight for private prosecution

By Alan Hamilton

Gary Austin, aged 24, made legal history yesterday when he appeared at St Albans Crown Court on a manslaughter charge after the parents of his alleged victim brought a private prosecution against him.

It was the first time this century that a private prosecution for manslaughter had been committed for trial. The only other similar prosecution this century was in 1950, but magistrates decided then that there was insufficient evidence to commit the accused.

The prosecution alleges that John Raymond Williams, aged 19, died after Mr Austin, a fellow drug user, had helped him to administer an intravenous dose of a powerful painkiller used in the treatment of terminal cancer.

Williams, a dairy worker, lived with his parents at Whipperley Ring, Farley Hill, Luton, Bedfordshire.

His mother, Mrs Pauline Williams, spent more than three and a half years since her son died in 1982 bringing the case to court after the Director of Public Prosecutions decided that Mr Austin, now aged 25, had no case to answer. The DPP later took over the prosecution.

Mr Austin, a dispatch rider, of Burton Road, Stockwell, south London, is charged with manslaughter in that he unlawfully killed Williams on September 2, 1982, and with administering Dextramoraminde, a Class A controlled drug, so as to endanger life. At the opening of the trial before Mr Justice Staughton, Mr Austin pleaded not guilty on both counts.

Mr Alan Suckling, counsel for the prosecution, said it was clear that Williams had taken drugs before his death. Earlier that day he had met a friend, Anthony Denton, who described him as looking flushed, but well enough to play football. Williams asked to be taken to Mr Austin's flat in Luton, which was known to be used for injecting drugs.

There, Williams asked for a syringe, and produced a folded piece of paper containing an orange pill. The drug was known commercially as Palfium, a painkiller normally given to terminal cancer patients, Mr Suckling said. Its active ingredient was a compound Dextramoraminde.

It was normally administered by mouth as a pill, although occasionally as an injection under the skin.

Mr Suckling said that Williams took the syringe and pill into Mr Austin's kitchen and then went to the lavatory, from where he called Mr Austin. Mr Austin injected him in his right forearm.

Soon afterwards Williams's face turned pale and his lips blue, and he became unconscious. Mr Austin and others in the flat attempted to revive him by putting him in a cold bath, rubbing his body with towels, and administering mouth-to-mouth resuscitation and heart massage.

He was laid on the floor wrapped in a quilt while the others watched television. He moaned, but he did not regain consciousness.

After four hours he was placed in the street while Mr Austin called an ambulance, giving a false name and telephone number. Williams was pronounced dead soon after arrival at hospital.

A post-mortem examination found signs of acute cerebral and pulmonary odoema—fluid in the brain and lungs—and traces of the drug in his organs and arm. The amount appeared to be below the normal clinical dose.

Mr Austin was said to have told the police later: "I administered the fix. I wish I had given it to myself." Asked by the police if he realized the potential danger, he said he had "just done it as a favour".

In a further statement, Mr Austin was said to have admitted helping Williams to inject on several previous occasions. This time he had put the needle in the vein, but Williams had pressed the plunger.

Giving evidence, Williams's friend, Mr Denton, said that Williams had not been an habitual hard drug taker.

He agreed that Williams had produced the Palfium pill himself and had not been given it by Mr Austin.

The case continues today.



The dead youth's parents, Mr Ray and Mrs Pauline Williams, and, below, John Williams (left) and Gary Austin.





Helpful children are honoured

Kristoffer Hanlihan, aged six, from Brightlingsea, Essex, was among more than 150 children honoured yesterday in the annual Child of Achievement awards, at Guildhall, London.

The boy, born with deformed legs, is described by his mother as "full of life and joy" and has triumphed over his disability to organize games of football among his friends. The television personalities Leslie Crowther, Sarah Greene, Arabella Warner, Matthew Kelly and Nino Firetto presented the awards to children from all over Britain for their everyday efforts to help others, or determination to overcome physical disabilities.

(Photograph: John Voos).

Screening of cancer criticized

By Anthony Bevins
Political Correspondent

Fifteen English district health authorities were identified yesterday as failing to make any plans for screening women for cervical cancer, which caused 1,960 deaths in 1983.

Sir Gordon Downey, Comptroller and Auditor General, said that the Department of Health and Social Security should ensure that regional authorities rigorously monitored the progress of districts in "rectifying the position".

He added in a report: "Despite two reviews, the programme in England seems to have had no significant effect upon the death rate". There had been a fall of only 13 per cent in deaths from cervical cancer in the 10 years to 1983.

National Audit Office investigators found that, while 127 of every 1,000 women were screened in the Mersey region, "consistently the lowest performer for a number of years", 260 were screened in the North Western region.

But Sir Gordon added: "It is a matter of considerable concern that as at June 1985, 41 authorities, representing some 20 per cent of authorities in England, still had no comprehensive arrangements for the 'call' and/or 'recall' of women in the priority group.

The 15 districts with no "firm plans" for comprehensive testing were: South West Devon, Peterborough, Bloomsbury, City and Hackney, Hampstead, Haringey, Tower Hamlets, Hastings, Eastbourne, North West Surrey, Twickenham and Rochampton, North East Hampshire, Bath, Wycombe and Mid Staffordshire.

National Health Service: Preventive Medicine (House of Commons Paper 229. (Stationery Office; £3.80).

'Satanism' man's luxury cars

A man bought a Lotus sports car the day a "highly gullible" clergyman obtained £25,000 for him to finance an alleged crusade against satanism, Maidstone Crown Court was told yesterday.

Derry Knight, aged 46, had convinced the Rector of Newick, Sussex, that he needed the money to break his links with a satanic circle and buy its insignia to break its power.

Mr Michael Corkery, QC, for the prosecution, said the Rev John Baker had approached Mr Gordon Scutt, adviser to the charitable P & P Trust.

In a letter, the rector asked: "Please pray for Derry...he needs a great deal of prayer and divine protection."

The rector negotiated a loan of £25,000 from the charity on November 8 1984. "The date is of interest", Mr Corkery said, "for on that same day the defendant bought a Lotus motor car for £17,000."

Mr Knight, a record producer, of Dormans Land, Surrey, has denied 19 charges of dishonestly obtaining £203,850 by deception.

Mr Corkery also alleged that Mr Knight had "conned" £37,500 from Lord Hampden, a parishioner of Mr Baker, to buy a Rolls-Royce.

"The rector said the defendant needed the Rolls-Royce to convince his satanist colleagues that he still had influence."

Mr Corkery said that Mr Knight spent tens of thousands of pounds on jewellery, clothing and cars. He would pick up prostitutes and other women, shower them with gifts, and then leave them.

Mr Baker, aged 49, told the court that when he heard of Mr Knight's problems he immediately prayed.

The case continues today.

Jail for addicts who killed

Two addicts who killed while under the influence of drugs were jailed yesterday.

Unemployed Alan Walton had only a "blurred and confused memory" of a series of assaults on his girlfriend's three-year-old daughter because of continued use of heroin and other drugs.

Nicola Bushell died after being prodded with Walton's finger, punched, kicked and earlier hit with a hairbrush.

And after the last assault Walton had left to get some more heroin, Manchester Crown Court was told.

Drug addict Joseph Carlton-Armstrong's mistress died after he had beaten her with pieces of wood, but he then tried desperately to warm up her body.

He put her near a fire, which resulted only in scorching her, then in a hot bath and afterwards tucked her up in bed. The girl's injuries would not have been life threatening if she had been taken to hospital quickly.

And Judge Richard Lowry at the Central Criminal Court said medical evidence suggested that Carlton-Armstrong's brain and personality had been eroded by years of drug addiction.

Carlton-Armstrong, aged 35, pleading guilty to the manslaughter of Susan Brady, 30, at their home in Vanbrugh House, Loddiges Road, Hackney, on December 1, 1984. He was jailed for eight years.

Walton, of Dean Road, Gorton, Manchester, pleaded not guilty to murdering Nicola.

His plea of guilty to manslaughter was accepted by the prosecution and he was jailed for five years.

Aids case no threat to children

There is no danger of children at a Mid Glamorgan primary school contracting acquired immune deficiency syndrome (Aids) from a pupil with the virus, a local community physician said yesterday.

Dr Alan Davies said the risk of the child with the virus developing AIDS was negligible, with virtually no chance of its being passed on to other children.

The unnamed pupil, who attends the Trelales Primary School at Laleston, near Bridgend, got the virus while receiving treatment for haemophillia.

A meeting of parents of pupils, to be addressed by Professor Al Bloom, of the haematology department at the University College of Medicine, Cardiff, an acknowledged international expert, will be held next week to allay fears about the disease.

£25,000 in will for two dogs

Two dogs have been left £25,000 by their mistress. To keep them in the lap of luxury.

Well-known artist, Miss Mary Thane Jacob, an artist, of King Post, Rolvenden, Kent, who was in her 70s when she died last August, left the £25,000 to her trustees, "the income to be used for the maintenance of her two pug dogs for a period up to 21 years from her death", according to her will, published yesterday.

Close friend Mrs Peta Taylor-Jones said: "Mary loved her dogs.

"She also left cash to other animal charities.

Miss Jacob's solicitor, Mr Richard Isaac, said: "The money has been invested and the income will be used to help to keep the dogs.

Miss Jacob, who came from a wealthy family, left estate valued at £375,239 gross, £372,963 net in her will.

'Peerage' in three volumes

The winding-up of the company, Burke's Peerage and Baronetage, will have no effect on the publication of *Burke's Peerage*, one of the main reference books on aristocratic lineage, nor on its large ancestral research programme, Mr Harold Brooks-Baker, Burke's publishing director, said yesterday.

A new and much bigger edition of the *Peerage*, the first for 17 years, will be published in the autumn. It will be in three volumes and will cost £100.

The wound-up company, Burke's Peerage and Baronetage, had been set up as a subsidiary by Burke's previous owners before the company was taken over by the Ravendale group two years ago. It had never served any purpose, Mr Brooks-Baker said.

Postmaster entitled to an earldom

By Ronald Faux

Four years of detective work presented to the court of the Lord Lyon King of Arms in Edinburgh has established Mr Kenneth Murray, a retired postmaster from Gravelly Beach, Tasmania, as the eleventh Earl of Dunmore, Viscount Fincastle and Lord Murray of Blair, Moulin and Tillemett.

The ruling that will allow the former Mr Murray to sit in the House of Lords meant discounting nine other family lines with a prior claim. The problem was Mr Murray's great great uncle, Commander Augustus Charles Murray, a man with a wandering nature and wayward eye.

Sir Crispin Agnew, of Lochnaw, Unicorn Pursuivant to the Lord Lyon, who presented the Murray case, said yesterday: "Commander Augustus Murray left the British Navy in 1849 and joined the British Diplomatic Mission to the Turkish Empire.

"We know that in 1855 he was in New York and Wisconsin, but it was in 1851 that he married an American heiress, Abbie Lee, and possibly lived with her until 1860 when records show he was back in London fathering illegitimate children.

"In this case they do not count, but we have to prove that his marriage to Abbie Lee did not produce any legitimate heirs."

She was traced to Paris. The card index of American deaths in France showed that she died in 1920, aged 91, and left no descendants.

It was that record that allowed Mr Murray, a widower, the title. His son Malcolm, aged 39, will be entitled to call himself Viscount Fincastle and his second son Geoffrey, aged 36, may call himself "the Honourable".

The new earl said he planned to visit London soon. He doubted that he would ever settle in Britain: even a title did not compensate for the British climate.

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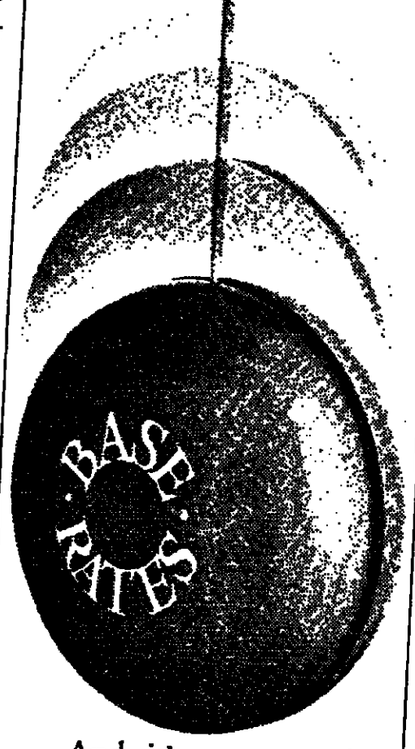
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Labour furious at press briefing

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In spite of strong Opposition representations, Mr John Biffen, Leader of the Commons, rejected calls for an immediate statement on further developments in the negotiations over the proposed sale of British Leyland subsidiaries. Labour MPs demanded a statement after complaining that Mr Paul Channon, Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, had held a briefing for parliamentary lobby journalists.

Mr Peter Shore, shadow leader of the House, following up earlier points of order, said the Opposition now understood from this briefing that there were three more bidders in addition to those named on Monday for the Land Rover division. There was also the likelihood of a reference of the General Motors bid to the Monopolies Commission and it was understood that a bid deadline had been set for mid-March.

This would give most companies only a few weeks to prepare, while General Motors had had nine months of proper negotiations. This was a matter for a statement to the House that night.

Mr Anthony Beaumont-Dark (Birmingham, Selly Oak, C) said many MPs were determined to see a British solution. He urged the Opposition not to play "this mischievous and dangerous game" because if the message went out from the House that they were continually trying to drag the issue before MPs it would be dangerous. There were enough watchdogs in the House for British interests.

Mr Terence Davis (Birmingham, Hodge Hill, Lab) said it had transpired that Mr Channon had found time to come to Westminster to brief lobby journalists but was now saying there were no significant developments on which to make a statement.

Mr Andrew Faulds (Warley East, Lab) said the matter was crucial. It was essential that the issue should be chased with the figure responsible on the feeble Government front bench - Mr Channon.

Mr David Steel, Leader of the Liberal Party, said a statement then might be rushed and create an atmosphere of uncertainty. If there was not a statement later that night it would be best to have one on Wednesday or Thursday after the Cabinet had taken a view on what the Government's industrial policy was towards the car and truck industry.

The Speaker (Mr Bernard Weatherill) said he was not responsible for any of these matters. He could not force the



Biffen: No case for immediate statement

Government to make a statement. There was an adjournment debate on the subject later and it was likely the minister might be saying something MPs would wish to hear.

Mr Biffen said there was nothing extraordinary about a minister seeing lobby journalists. Those lobby journalists knew no more than MPs. There was no question of policy commitment being carried forward. It was a question of accepting the good faith of Mr Channon. While controversy could carry on, he did not accept the undermining of Mr Channon's good faith.

The issue would arise on the adjournment but there was no case for an immediate statement.

Mr Shore said the House was still dissatisfied. The adjournment debate would be taken by a junior minister. He sought a statement on Wednesday.

Mr Biffen said the matter was under constant examination. If the matter was to be conducted on the basis of dressing up a press lobby, then "we know what are the motives behind it."

His final comments were drowned by loud Labour protests.

Mr Terence Davis (Birmingham, Hodge Hill, Lab) had earlier said MPs resented the fact that further developments in the BL saga were being divulged by means of the continuing practice of leaks and briefings, instead of a statement in the House.

How could MPs get a minister to make a statement at the earliest possible opportunity?

The Deputy Speaker (Sir Paul Dean) said it was not a matter for the Chair.

Mr Joe Ashton (Bassetlaw, Lab) said no one wanted to believe that the Prime Minister had been misleading the House just two hours earlier in what she said about British Leyland. To protect her reputation, a minister should be asked to make a statement.

Thatcher seeking a bigger market

LAND ROVER

Land Rover and Freight Rover should have as big a market and as big a distribution network as possible. Mrs Margaret Thatcher, the Prime Minister said in the Commons when further questions were put to her about the proposed sale of subsidiaries of British Leyland.

Mr Bryan Gould (Dagenham, Lab) called on the Prime Minister to confirm what she appeared to say on television on Monday night - that a firm like Land Rover had to choose between being British and being successful.

Is it not despair about the future of British industry (he asked) which makes her so keen to act as broker for American interests in the proposed sale of Land Rover?

Mrs Thatcher said there should be very good jobs in companies here which had a great future and they should consider all the bids for BL which had been made.

Mr Anthony Lloyd (Stretford, Lab) which major industrial power would consider selling off its last significant domestic car producer to a foreign power? Does she consider that it is part of popular capitalism that she should act as a broker for the United States?

Mrs Thatcher: British Leyland - Austin Rover is a mass car producer which has only 4 per cent of the European market compared with other mass car producers such as Renault, Volkswagen, Fiat, Ford and General Motors which have between 10 per cent and 12 per cent of the market. It therefore has difficulty in competing.

That is the measure of the task and I hope we will succeed in getting more of the market. If there is a British bid for Austin Rover we should look at it very carefully.

Mr Antony Marlow (Northampton North, C): will she hazard a guess as to why it is that Labour MPs and the odd Conservative MP seem to think there is something wrong with outward investment from this country because they say it destroys jobs in this country yet they also complain about inward investment from General Motors, Sikorsky or any other such company?

Mrs Thatcher: Yes. I note his cogent point that when we have inward investment in this country, as we did for example with Nissan, half the Labour MPs wanted it to go to their constituencies. They forget all that now.

Earlier Mr Michael Meadowcroft (Leeds West, L) said that what was happening in the British computer industry, Westland, and British Leyland were not isolated examples of the determined effort by the United States to determine what happened in British industry. The Government did not have the ability to counter this.

Government to act on cocaine sniffing kits

DRUG ABUSE

A new offence designed to outlaw the sale of cocaine kits would be introduced, Mr David Mellor, Under Secretary of State for Home Affairs, announced in the Commons during the third reading of the Drug Trafficking Offences Bill.

He said it would be made an offence for a person to supply or offer to supply any combination of articles which, taken together, he knew or believed were likely to be used for the purpose of inhaling a controlled drug.

Belief on the part of the seller that the articles would be used for inhaling a drug for medical purposes would be a defence to such a charge.

He said the Government would pursue this issue urgently. It was possible such a provision might be regarded as relevant to this Bill and he would raise this with authorities in the House of Lords. If it did not prove practical to make provision in this Bill, the Government would consider alternative methods because the House as a whole shared the Government's concern that early action should be taken on the sale of these kits.

The sale of cocaine kits in London had given much offence to people. Indicating that the incitement provision in the Misuse of Drugs Act or consumer legislation would not be effective in this case, Mr Mellor said the only effective action to the problem would be the creation of a new specific offence.

One difficulty was that the component parts of a cocaine kit were everyday items sold for legitimate use, such as handbag mirrors and razors. The Government wanted to see that any form of new offence would not make it more difficult for heroin addicts to obtain syringes and needles, because of the increased risk of AIDS and hepatitis brought about by re-use of such items and encourage addicts to go to shooting galleries where needles were used by a number of addicts facilitating the spread of these infections.

The Government would want to reflect and consult further with interested parties in the Commons before reaching a final view on the best form of any new provision.

Mr Robin Corbett, an Opposition spokesman, said the Labour party would be looking to the Government to take urgent and effective action over the apparently new menace of cocaine sniffing kits. Parents and others were horrified over this development.

Although the Bill was an important weapon in tackling drug trafficking it needed backing by the international community. He believed drug trafficking should be treated the same as acts of terrorism or piracy. Parliament would have no patience in the use of the powers under this Bill were in anyway blunted because of lack of training of police officers.

His one disappointment in this Bill was that the novel step of turning the seized assets back against the traffickers had not been taken. There had been a lack of imagination here. The public would have understood and applauded using the assets to set up a trust to help understand and combat addiction, rehabilitate and treat, encourage people to come off and stay off drugs, and go to the aid of the victims of abuse and their families.

Mr Ivan Lawrence (Burton, C) said it was astonishing that the removal of the benefits of crime had seemingly become such a novel concept. To remove the enjoyment of the proceeds of crime when a person was sentenced must be another deterrent. The law-abiding citizen would think it right that an effort was made to stop the criminal enjoying the benefits of this most horrifying of all crimes, drug trafficking, which



Mellor: A short cut — for the courts

was a crime of multiple murder.

He hoped the Government would not rest on its laurels. This measure, although extremely important, was also very much overdue. It would not solve all the drug problems in Britain. More effort must be devoted to stopping the production of drugs and to educating the young about the appalling dangers of drug adiction.

Mr Alexander Carlile (Montgomery, L) said there were MPs in all parties who had had to examine their consciences and make careful judgements as to whether they were prepared to countenance breaches of what they would sometimes regard as almost sanctified civil liberties principles in order to meet the needs of the public interest. He agreed with the minister when he spoke of the need for international cooperation. Much which was aimed at in this Bill would fail unless true international cooperation could be achieved to prevent the cultivation of dangerous drugs wherever in the world.

A stage had been reached whereby the drugs with which they were principally concerned, heroine and cocaine, were not only available in cities like London, Manchester and Liverpool, but, he heard from police officers, even in remote rural areas. There were many outside the House and many in the Lords, not shackled by electoral constraints, who still had some reservations about parts of this Bill.

PM tells Kinnock: condemn violence

WAPPING

Attacks made on the police outside News International's new printing plant at Wapping were condemned as disgraceful by Mrs Thatcher, the Prime Minister, during question time in the Commons. She urged Mr Neil Kinnock, Leader of the Opposition, to condemn the picket line violence.

Mr Jeremy Hayes (Harlow, C) asked: Will she take this opportunity to condemn the violence and intimidation on the picket lines at Wapping, particularly against the police, and try to persuade the leaders of Sogat 82 and NGA to take a leaf out of Mr Kinnock's book and root out some of the extremists in their own organisations?

Mrs Thatcher: Yes. We totally condemn the violence which has been occurring and which we saw on the television screens on Saturday night on the demonstrations outside Wapping.

We understand that the majority were not thought to be printers. It is, nevertheless, disgraceful that they should attack the police in this way and we totally support the police.

Mr Kinnock: In condemning violence wherever it occurs, will the Prime Minister also acknowledge the contribution made by the leaders of Sogat 82 and NGA to try to stop violence, and the way they have roundly condemned those who bring their unions and activities into disrepute?

Mrs Thatcher: I recognise what he said. I am glad he totally condemns violence. I hope on each and every picket line or demonstration wherever it occurs, and I would be grateful if he would confirm that.

Minister urged to get tough over ferry

TRANSPORT

The British Government has not ruled out any particular course of action over the failure so far of a request by British Ferries Sealink for access to the Belgian port of Zeebrugge. Mr Nicholas Ridley, Secretary of State for Transport, said in reply to a private notice question in the Commons.

British Ferries have been in touch with the Transport Department about their wish to serve Zeebrugge. The matter had been discussed with Belgian Minister of Communications. British officials had been in frequent and urgent contact with their counterparts. It was impossible to understand why the Belgians had not responded.

Mr Robert Hughes, an Opposition spokesman on transport, said British Ferries were banned from Ostend. The lack of faith appeared to be on the part of the Belgian port authorities, rather than Sealink.

We are dealing (he said) with the restraint of trade by the Belgians. Could this not be dealt with by Section 14 and 15 - reciprocal action to ban Belgian ferries from coming to this country? Mr Ridley could do that immediately, and without parliamentary approval, for 28 days, by which time the matter could be resolved.

The jobs of 250 seafarers were at risk because of this dispute.

Mr Ridley said that when European Ferries and another company called RNT had come together, that resulted in the exclusion of British Ferries from Ostend. He had tried to help British Ferries gain access to Zeebrugge.

I am convinced (he said) it is not the Belgian Government frustrating that.

European Ferries were entitled to market their service in whatever way they wished. But it was offensive to deny British ferries a chance to operate. He remained ready to use Section 14 if necessary. However, he understood that British Ferries might be modifying their proposed operations into Zeebrugge. That was why it was difficult to take a decision until the position had been clarified.

Mr Peter Rees (Dover, C) asked whether the exclusion of the British ferry company from a Belgian port was a breach of European Community rules.

Mr Ridley thought it was subject to operational difficulties. The British Government had done its best to help the Belgians resolve them. If British Ferries changed their plans that could make more difficulty.

I am determined (he said) to see Belgian ports are open to us, if ours are open to them.

Mr David Alton (Liverpool, Mossley Hill, L) asked if Mr Ridley would be making representations to the European Commission on the subject.

Mr Ridley said it seemed to be a bilaterial matter.

Sir Julian Ridsdale (Harwich, C) asked how long there had been contact with the Belgian Government over this. MPs expected strong action.

Mr Ridley said contact had been going on since before Christmas and would continue.

Mr Kenneth Eastham (Manchester Blackley, Lab) said there should be far sterner action from the Government. There had been more than one letter to the Belgian authorities and each seemed to be ignored.

Mr Ridley said the expressions of impatience by MPs would strengthen his hand in achieving a settlement.

Defeat on propaganda

HOUSE OF LORDS

An all-party amendment restricting the effect of the Local Government Bill in prohibiting local authorities publishing party political propaganda, was carried by 147 votes to 138, majority against the Government nine, during the committee stage in the House of Lords.

Lady David (Lab) moved the amendment removing the need for the test of reasonableness to be applied to the effect of the contentious material.

The local authority associations, she said, were all against the clause as it stood, believing it would make the day-to-day administration of local authorities unworkable.

If the clause remained as it was it would restrict the information the public received about council policy and plans and would also mitigate against the work of the voluntary organizations.

Lord Broxbourne (C) said the courts would have no difficulty in applying the test of reasonableness as it was done daily in the case of damages and negligence claims. The very words complained of, he said, had been included in the Companies Act 1967 by the then Labour government and had worked without trouble for almost two decades.

Lord Denning, former Master of the Rolls, said he hoped the amendment would be rejected because the tests required in the Bill were already applied by judges. The judge had to go by the effect of a libel on the ordinary people, not the intention of the writer. Therefore the legal principle had already been decided.

Lord Kilmarnock (SDP) said there would be difficulty in distinguishing between material that might be the subject of political controversy or reflect the view of the majority party, but issued in the interests of the local authority.

Lord Boyd-Carpenter (C) said the practical effect of the amendment had to be considered.

The reality of the situation was that there would be a number of people using very considerable ingenuity to drive a hammer and sickle through the Bill.

Lord Cameron of Lochbroom, Lord Advocate, said there was an abuse of power by a number of local authorities which had to be curbed. It could not be right to take money from rate and taxpayers and use it against parties which those rate and taxpayers might support.

The amendment, he said, would seriously undermine that part of the Bill. The Government believed acceptance of the amendment would remove any effective constraint on the use of public funds to finance at public expense, less immediately obvious, but still insidious, party publicity which was becoming increasingly familiar in local government.

Sympathy for injured Tory MP

Freedom of speech in universities was vital, Mrs Thatcher, the Prime Minister, said in the Commons, when she sympathised with Conservative back-bencher Mr John Carlisle who had two fingers in plaster following an incident at Bradford University.

Mrs Thatcher said she hoped the Committee of Vice Chancellors and Principals would make strenuous efforts to see that the right of free speech was upheld and MPs could speak freely in universities.

Mr Carlisle (Luton North, C) asked: Since MPs enjoy freedom of speech and the right to reply, that same right should now be allowed to MPs in universities and places of further education.

Mrs Thatcher: The whole House will sympathize with him on the very nasty incident which he experienced and I believe and hope the whole House will agree that upholding freedom of speech in our institutions of higher education is vital. We would like to express our views to that effect.

Freedom of speech involves saying things which are not acceptable to everyone.

MP launches Bill on County Hall's future

Mr Simon Hughes (Southwark & Bermondsey, L) was given leave in the Commons to bring in a Bill which would prevent the sale of County Hall, the headquarters of the Greater London Council, before the end of 1988.

This would give plenty of time for a reasoned consideration on how best to use the building with the agreement of everyone concerned, particularly Londoners, he said. At the moment it could be sold on April 1 when the GLC was abolished.

Work on the Grade II listed building was started on what was marshland on the South Bank in 1912 and it had been the administrative headquarters for London since it was opened by King George V in 1922. He suggested it could be used for the time being as office for London MPs.

Apology sought for child brothel claim

A Labour MP demanded in the Commons that Mr Geoffrey Dickens (Littleborough and Saddleworth, C) should go to the Holbrooke Estate in North Islington, unreservedly withdraw his allegations of the existence of child brothels in the area and make a public apology.

Mr Dickens said he had been criticized on Monday by Mr Jeremy Corbyn (Islington North, Lab) for a breach of the Commons convention that members should not visit another constituency without notifying the MP. He had been a great upholder of the conventions and traditions ever since entering Parliament.

Where the safety of children is involved (he added) there may be times when one cannot always preserve the niceties of the workings of the House of Commons.

Mr Corbyn said Mr Dickens misled them. He has been criticized for irresponsibly passing unfounded allegations to the media which had caused a great deal of hardship and hurt to the people of the area. It was the irresponsible behaviour of Mr Dickens which had upset local residents and he should visit the estate and apologise.

The Speaker (Mr Bernard Weatherill) said their was a motion on the Commons order paper about this and that was the right way to deal with it.

Mr Kenneth Eastham (Manchester, Blackley, Lab) said it was not the first time this had happened. There was a similar instance in his constituency when a clergyman complained on behalf of all his parishioners about the conduct of Mr Dickens.

Mr Dickens said he would like to place on record that arrests and prosecutions had resulted from information he had provided in the past.

Committee's jobs claim rejected

Direct measures to alleviate long-term unemployment had played an important part in the Government's policies over the few years, Mr Kenneth Clarke, Paymaster General and chief Commons spokesman on employment, said at question time. The Government had spent far more on them and put far more effort into them than its predecessors ever did, he said.

Mr John Evans (St Helens North, Lab), an Opposition spokesman on employment, asked if he accepted that the programme put forward by the Select Committee on Employment, which had a built-in Tory majority, would create 750,000 jobs for the long-term unemployed - people who had been out of work for more than 12 months.

Until such time (he went on) as either this Government or the next one adopts some such programme the long-term unemployed in places like St Helens have no chance of ever getting a job.

Mr Clarke: I do not accept that the proposals of the select committee would produce 750,000 new net jobs, but we will look at the Committee's report carefully and give a considered and detailed response in a White Paper.

Control of animal tests

The Animals (Scientific Procedures) Bill, which repeals the Cruelty to Animals Act 1876 and makes new provision for the protection of animals used for experimental or other scientific purposes was given a second reading early today by 125 votes to 28 - Government majority, 97.

Moving the second reading, Mr Douglas Hurd, Home Secretary, said the Bill balanced the clear duty to allow scientific research using animals to continue and the equally important duty to prevent unnecessary suffering and the unnecessary use of animals in scientific procedures.

There were a great number of diseases and conditions for which a solution, or improved treatment, was still urgently needed such as heart disease, cancer and AIDS. Safety testing was also vital. Where beneficial drugs and vaccines had been developed they must be tested to ensure their safety.

Most cosmetic substances were tested without the use of animals. But sometimes such tests were still needed. The Government would soon be issuing guidelines on the use of the Draize test of eye irritancy designed to maximise the use of less severe procedures in eye testing; and the LD50 test had been increasingly replaced by limit tests. The Government would continue to encourage these developments.

Detailed conditions limiting the severity of procedures would be applied to each project.

The Bill also made new provision for arrangements for the care of laboratory animals, and for the first time controlled the breeding and supply of animals used in scientific or experimental procedures.

Mr Robin Corbett, an Opposition spokesman on home affairs, said the Bill was inadequate. The machinery it planned to put in place, while being an improvement on the 1876 Cruelty to Animals Act, needed to be strengthened.

His heart told him there should be a quick end to all experiments with live animals but his head told him that was probably some way off. Many diseases were curable because of animal experiments and treatment was still needed for cancer, heart disease, asthma, AIDS and other diseases. Research on animals had also advanced veterinary practice.

The powers of the Animal Procedures Committee should be increased. The committee should be able to initiate action without the need for the approval of the Home Secretary if it was going to have a properly independent role.

Mrs Sally Oppenheim (Gloucester, C) said she wholeheartedly welcomed the Bill which represented a fair and reasonable attempt to balance the public concern about the welfare of animals with the need to continue achieving medical advance. This measure was long overdue.

Mr Michael Hancock (Portsmouth South, SDP) said the Bill did not go nearly as far as it should and must. It created more red tape and encouraged the fear that licences and projects put to the department would be given an automatic rubber stamp.

A Bill that was almost empty without any prohibitions in it and did not say "You cannot do this to an animal" must be open to all sorts of abuses and unwelcome practices.

Mr Harry Cohen (Leyton, Lab) said many MPs had set great store by the new system of dual licensing; but how could anything with such a small inspectorate to implement it be more than a rubber stamp? How could anything where there was an Animal Procedures Committee of non-independent composition be more than a rubber stamp?

Sir Bernard Braine (Castle Point, C) said there were massive gaps in the Bill. The truth was that it was too little and too late and an acute disappointment. It would do very little to reassure the vast numbers of people who viewed animal experimentation, especially when it was for non-medical purposes, with disaste if not with disgust.

Leaflet on car lighting

As part of its campaign aimed at increasing the standard of winter driving the Government is to issue a leaflet to 22 million motorists on the need for good and efficient lighting, Lord Brabazon of Tara, a Government spokesman said during question time in the House of Lords.

Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Debates on Opposition motions on strategic defence initiative and on treatment of private tenants.

Lords (2.30): Debate on economic situation.

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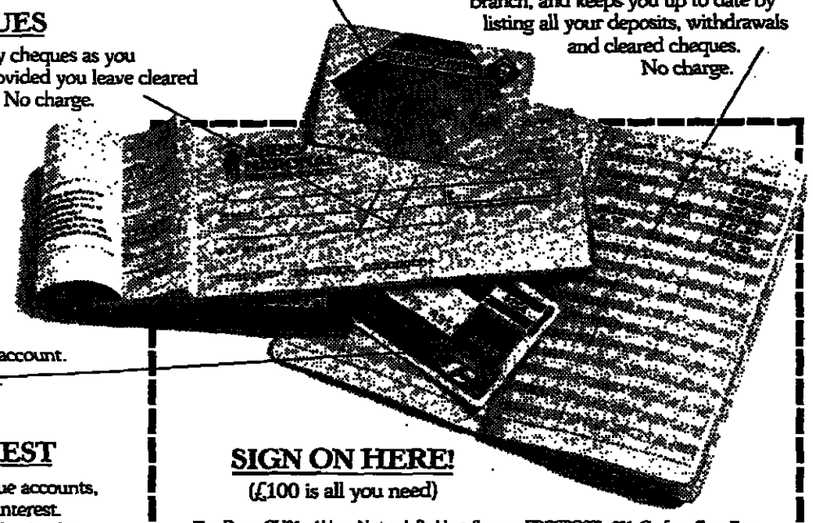
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Fees decision fought on two points

QC's arguments win judge's leave for Bar Council's action

The Bar won leave yesterday in the High Court to start its legal challenge against the Lord Chancellor, Lord Hailsham of St Marylebone.

It was an ex-parte application by Robert Alexander, QC, chairman of the Bar Council, for leave to seek a judicial review of the Lord Chancellor's decision to make regulations under section 39 (1) of the Legal Aid Act 1974, as amended, to increase with effect from 1 April, 1986 by no more than 5 per cent the level of fees payable to barristers under the Legal Aid in Criminal Proceedings (Costs) Regulations 1982, as amended.

The case was put by Mr Thomas Morrison, QC, for the Bar, before Lord Justice Watkins and Mr Justice Macpherson in the Queen's Bench Division Bench.

Mr Morrison said: "We consider it appropriate in the circumstances of this case that leave should be sought in open court because, were the application to be successful we would seek an indication from the Court that the substantive hearing should take place quickly.

"The test for grant of leave is whether there is an arguable case for leave. The leave procedure is designed to weed out trivial or frivolous applications. In those circumstances I shall endeavour to be quite brief and not seek to confuse the matter any more than necessary.

"The nub of this application is a letter from the Lord Chancellor delivered to the applicant on Februry 7. The applicant brings these proceedings not in a representative capacity, but by virtue of his position as Chairman of the Bar and thus a representative of the Bar Council.

"The way in which we attack the decision of the Lord Chancellor as being unlawful rests on two propositions.

"Firstly, that the Bar had a legitimate expectation of being consulted and negotiated with before he reached his decision.

"Secondly, that the decision was made without such consultation or negotiation.

"The legitimate expectation arises in two ways. Firstly, the general principle of fairness, which requires those who are affected by exercises of statutory powers, in the context of this particular case, should be properly consulted and negotiated with before that power is exercised.

"Secondly, by virtue of past practice the Bar had a legitimate expectation of being consulted and negotiated with by the Lord Chancellor's Department before the Lord Chancellor exercised his power.

Many barristers affected by ruling

"Mr Alexander's affidavit indicates approximately two or three thousand barristers, it is not possible to give precise figures, who practise exclusively or to a substantial extent at the criminal Bar.

"For the majority a great part of the work is defence work and is remunerated by legal aid.

"The power to make regulations must therefore be seen to affect the livelihood of a large number of practising barristers.

"In making the regulations the Lord Chancellor is under a duty to have regard to the principles for allowing fair remuneration for work actually and reasonably done.

"The Bar Council represents, protects and promotes the interest of all sections of the Bar, including those who practise in criminal courts, and it is this body with whom the Lord Chancellor's department would negotiate.

"It was essential in the interests of fairness that the Lord Chancellor should give proper consideration about the levels of fees, as the 1974 Act did not allow for a free market.

"In the special circumstances of this case what the Lord Chancellor has the power to do will affect a large proportion of barristers. There is implicit in it that he shall negotiate with the only body available, namely the Bar Council.

"Their legitimate expectation stems largely from past practices and assurances which from time to time have been given.

"We rely on three facts and matters," Mr Morrison said.

"Firstly, the response by the Government to the Benson Report. You will see from the papers that the Bar had recommended a fees advisory body, and the one reason it had was because the then existing procedures were unfair and created a strong sense of grievance.

"Secondly, the fact that there were consultations, and a degree of consultation both before the 1982 regulations were made and before the annual amending regulations.

"Thirdly, the Bar rely upon the express statement made before the Cooper and Lybrand report was commissioned, and after it was published, to support our proposition that there was a legitimate expectation of consultation and negotiation."

Referring to Mr Alexander's affidavit, Mr Morrison said it showed the present fees for barristers on legal aid work fell far short of achieving the principle of fair remuneration for work done.

"We submit that the evidence shows it was a common understanding between the Bar and the Lord Chancellor's Department that on receipt of the report discussions and negotiations would take place with a view to their completion at the end of January 1986 so that the regulations could be made to take effect from 1 April, 1986, so that they could be laid before Parliament after that negotiation process had been completed.

Embarrassment in Department

"Our legitimate expectation was therefore denied with no consultation or negotiation.

"No meeting took place and despite many attempts being made no meeting took place, as Your Lordship knows.

"The only other contact that occurred before the end of January, apart from the correspondence, was a lunch between someone from the Lord Chancellor's Department and a partner of Cooper and Lybrand on January 29.

"At that lunch was detected a sense of personal embarrassment on behalf of the Lord Chancellor's Department at the way it had gone.

"The very next thing that happened was that Mr Alexander was notified by the Lord Chancellor's private secretary asking him to attend on February 7.

"On February 7, the date before EGM of the Bar, he saw the Lord Chancellor and was handed the decision letter. The letter not merely disappointed, but doubly disturbed", Mr Morrison said.

Lord Justice Watkins asked: "Are you taking the point that what the Lord Chancellor has done in practical terms is to say that in the public sector around 5 per cent is permissible, and having done that he made no study in order to see whether or what rise was necessary to see what was fair remuneration?"

Mr Morrison said that was partly how they put it. "We say that a decision was reached and was taken without any consultation or negotiation with the Bar despite their expectation that such would take place".

He said if he had to mention law authorities he would refer to the House of Lords cases:

(1) The Attorney-General of Hong Kong v Shiu, 1983 Appeal Cases, p629.

(2) GCHQ case involving the Council for Civil Service Unions, 1985 Appeal Cases, p374.

(3) The Income Tax Commissioners case, 1985 Appeal Cases, p835.

"Applying those principles we say there was a legitimate expectation, before the regulations were introduced, based on the existence of practices which they could reasonably expect to continue, and representations made to the Bar.

"Our second ground that in making the decision he failed properly to have regard to the principle of fair remuneration for work actually and reasonably done.

"We say two things. Firstly that he rejected the Cooper and Lybrand study on the basis that he remained to be convinced by it. His letter is full of the fact that he remained to be convinced.

"He remained to be convinced because he deprived himself of the opportunity of discussion and negotiation and relied upon matters leading him to be unconvinced, which were in our submission, groundless, and would have been shown to be so had he entered into consultation.

"The reason we say they were groundless arises from a letter from Cooper and Lybrand in February where it deals with each of the points made by the Lord Chancellor in his decision letter.

"It shows that on occasion there has been misunderstanding of the work they have done and that some of the points made by he Lord Chancellor are immaterial and wholly insignificant.

"We say that in the light of the history and the assurances of negotiations it was wrong in principle for him to approach the matter on the basis that the onus was on the Bar to convince him.

"The duty on the Lord Chancellor when prescribing fees is to have regard to the principles of fair remuneration and to approach it on a considered and rational basis.

"What the test should be is no doubt a matter for debate. The point here in our submission is not that the Lord Chancellor has chosen the wrong test. He has not adopted any test of fairness at all.

"The Bar's case is that there is no rational basis for the present level of remuneration or the present level plus 5 per cent, which the Lord Chancellor proposes to introduce.

"The present level of fees is merely the result of accumulative and ad hoc decisions taken over many years.

"The Lord Chancellor's Department recognises this was the time for introducing the regulations simply as holding regulations. They were introduced in haste, as a result of pressure on the Lord Chancellor's Department to effect greater control of criminal legal aid," Mr Morrison said.

Here Lord Justice Watkins intervened and said: "I think we have heard enough, all we have to be satisfied about is that there is an arguable case and what you have told us seems to amount to that. So you have your leave."

Marcos ally on murder charge

Manila (AP) - A powerful political ally of President Marcos was charged yesterday with the murder in ambush of seven opposition supporters on the eve of the 1984 National Assembly elections.

The Ministry of Justice said that the charges against Assemblyman Arturo Pacificador and six men described as his bodyguards were filed in home province of Antique.

Mr Pacificador is deputy leader of Mr Marcos's New Society Movement in the National Assembly and is also deputy highways minister.

He has already denied any involvement in the ambush as well as in the murder last week of Mr Evelio Javier, his rival for Antique's Assembly seat in the 1984 election.

Mr Javier, the campaign manager for Mrs Corazon Aquino, was shot dead in San José, the capital of Antique. Witnesses said that the gunmen arrived in a vehicle owned by Mr Pacificador.

A soldier said to be linked to Mr Javier's killing is among those charged with Mr Pacificador.

● Uneasy peace: An uneasy peace has descended over the contending presidential camps as Mr Philip Habib, the US envoy, shuttles round the capital interviewing all parties (David Watts writes).

The vast popular support for Mrs Aquino and her campaign of boycotting firms, banks and products associated with Mr Marcos's friends satisfies her for the moment.

She clearly believes that time is on her side and, judging from the confidence of the Aquino camp after their first meeting with Mr Habib, she thinks she has found sympathy there, too.

But others, both on her staff and outside, are worried that she may have lost the initiative in the struggle to dislodge Mr Marcos.

The President had regained much of his commanding style when he met the press at the weekend, leading many to think that the sheer exercise of power had forced Mrs Aquino on the defensive.

"Peaceful means are not the way of getting any dictator out," said a left-wing lawyer who backs Mrs Aquino, but is becoming disillusioned with some of her methods.

"Whether or not we are going to be successful depends on whether we are prepared to back up what we say with force."

As many of the President's opponents know, Filipinos' political anger is like a brush fire: it flares quickly and is just as soon forgotten.

The concern for many is that into this seeming vacuum will move the left and radical Christian groups and Social Democrats determined to avenge themselves for the murder of civilians, of whom Mr Javier has become the symbol.



Students and workers protesting in Manila yesterday against US support for Mr Marcos

Turin goes to war against the Devil

From Peter Nichols
Rome

Cardinal Ballestrero, the Archbishop of Turin, has shocked the city by appointing six specially trained priests to deal with the growing demand for exorcism from people who believe they are possessed by the Devil.

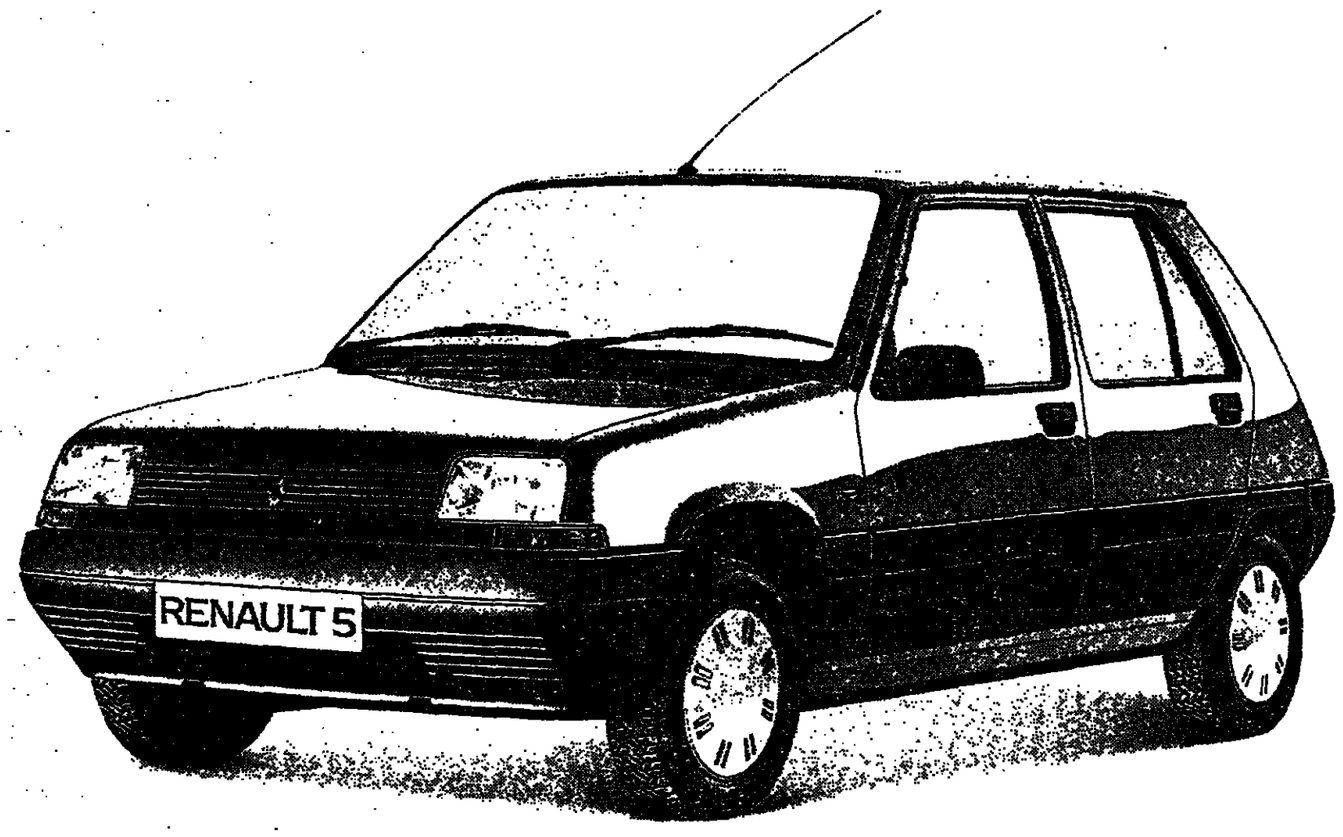
The fact that the Devil is making himself felt in Italy's greatest industrial city, rather than in some old centre of medieval learning or a city traditionally tied to ideas of pleasure and licence, accounts for the sense of shock. Turin's character is rather puritanical.

The cardinal says that a real problem exists. He describes as incredible the number of people who ascribe their troubles to the Devil or who feel possessed. His new appointments are drawn from priests with wider experience than mere exorcism.

It would be a mistake, he says, to regard them as priests armed simply with holy water. They are expert theologians, anthropologists and psychologists

The cardinal ascribes it all to the falling off of religious faith. When faith declines people look for substitutes, he says.

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Troops moved to shanty town as Pretoria admits 19 dead

From Michael Hornsby, Johannesburg

Troops were deployed in the black suburb of Alexandra, on the northern outskirts of Johannesburg, yesterday as violence continued for the fourth day amid wildly conflicting estimates of casualties.

In parliament Mr Adriaan Vlok, the deputy minister of law and order, said that 19 people had been killed and 37 wounded since Saturday, when two funerals turned to protest rallies.

Mr Vlok said 16 were shot dead by police, two burned to death and a black policeman hacked to death by rioters. Police in Pretoria had previously refused to confirm more than 10 deaths.

According to Mr Vlok, among the wounded 27 were shot by police; five were hurt by rioters, one being shot and four hit by stones; and five policemen were burned in petrol bomb attacks.

Since Saturday, he said, 130 separate incidents of violence had been recorded.

Meanwhile Dr Beyers Naude, general secretary of the South African Council of Churches, who visited Alexandra on Monday with a delegation of churchmen, spoke of "reports of approximately 80 being killed" and several hundred injured.

Heavily armed troops and police guarded every exit and entrance to the grim, dusty shanty settlement, which, unlike most black townships, lies alongside well-to-do white residential suburbs.

Armoured personnel carriers constantly patrolled the perimeter roads and all television crews and journalists were barred. Mr Michael Buerk and Mr Graham Leach, BBC reporters, were allegedly detained by police.

Earlier, police stopped a march by an estimated crowd of some 30,000 Alexandra residents to a police station in the neighbouring white suburb of Wynberg where, according to local priests, they intended to demand the release of the bodies of those killed.

Some of the injured have been treated in emergency civil defence clinics set up on the outskirts of the settlement.

In the apartheid scheme of things, Alexandra is an anachronism – it is the only black suburb left near the white residential areas of Johannesburg, its being black dates back to the beginning of the century, and it is one of the few places where blacks still have freehold rights.

Similar areas, notably Sophiatown in south-western Johannesburg, were razed in the 1950s and their inhabitants moved to Soweto, 10 miles south-west of the city.

Duke sees conservation success story

From Michael Hamlyn
Chitwan, Nepal

The Duke of Edinburgh, on the back of an elephant called Chanchal Kali – roughly "nimble lady" – was offered the chance of pulling the trigger of the Palmer capture gun loaded with a tranquillizing dart. "No thank you", he said, "you do it."

His elephant and 26 others formed a circle around a profoundly nervous four-ton male rhinoceros, later christened Philip, while the beast was shot in the haunch. It took ten minutes for the drug, known as M99, to work, and the animal finally lay on its side and slept.

A dozen game wardens scrambled over the slumbering beast, measured it and checked it, and fastened on it a bleeping radio collar so that it could be tracked in future as part of a big conservation project in the area.

The last time Prince Philip was in this park (now called the Royal Chitwan National Park, but then, in 1961, more simply known as the Royal Game Reserve) he also declined to shoot a rhino. He had a painful sore on his finger.

The Queen, on the first full day of her state visit to Nepal, stayed back in Kathmandu, the capital, and had a quiet day in a royal lodge belonging to Nepal's King Birendra. "She probably spent the day reading *Vogue*", suggested one British diplomat. The reason was that she had arrived in the country just in time for Democracy Day, a major festival in the calendar of the monarchy here. The King and Queen of Nepal were accordingly busy elsewhere.

Prince Philip, however, took a flight in a Super Puma helicopter, which is often piloted by 40-year-old King Birendra, past the uncaring serenity of the snow-capped frieze of the Himalayas to the riverine elephant-grass-covered game park.



Making friends: The Duke of Edinburgh in Chitwan National Park, Nepal, yesterday.

The Duke also saw conservation work being carried out in the park on the garial, a fish-eating crocodile with a snipe-like long, narrow snout.

Eight years ago the garial population was down to what may usually be expected to be extinction level. There were only 53 left in the Narayani River and its tributaries, including only five males. These are particularly prized by poachers for the bulb at the end of the snout, more pronounced in the male, which is used locally as a medicine.

The Duke himself saw almost 400 crocodiles, raised from eggs by the park wardens. As many as 222 adults have already been released back into the rivers.

The park is also home to some 75 Royal Bengal tigers, but they spent yesterday lying low and did not show themselves.

But the rhinos were the best of the spectacle. Three of them had been spotted by the park's chief game warden on the banks of an ox-bow lake, munching placidly among the reedy grass.

"They are not very shy creatures, but they are not particularly dangerous either. They are rather short-sighted herbivores", a game warden explained. "They like a quiet life. Even their skin, which looks so tough and armour-plated, is in fact quite soft."

The Duke, who was wearing his hat as President of the World Wildlife Fund for the occasion, was not particularly happy to find the press arriving at Chitwan Park. "Good morning, sir", said a photographer as he arrived. "It was", said the Duke, looking grim.

● DALLAS: The Prince of Wales arrived here yesterday for a four-day visit to Texas and its independence ceremonies (AFP reports).

He was greeted by Governor Mark White and other state officials. He is due to present a British award for outstanding achievement to the millionaire, Mr Ross Perot, and will visit high-technology industries, an oil refinery in Houston, and Austin, the capital, for the start of the 150th anniversary celebrations.

British protest at NZ visit ban

From Richard Long
Wellington

Admiral of the Fleet Sir John Fieldhouse, Britain's Chief of Naval Staff, made it clear here yesterday that Britain stood with the United States in opposing New Zealand's ban on visits of nuclear-armed or nuclear-powered warships.

Sir John, who had talks with the New Zealand Prime Minister, Mr David Lange, Cabinet ministers, defence chiefs and the New Zealand Defence Council, said later: "I explained to the Defence Council precisely where the United Kingdom stood in this matter."

According to sources close to the talks, Sir John told ministers about Britain's firm opposition to the visit provisions of New Zealand's anti-nuclear legislation, expected to be formally approved by Parliament later this year.

Mr Lange later described the exchange of views as forthright. He added: "It is perfectly clear that the British Government and the British view is that New Zealand's decision is a matter that it cannot accept and that it is their view that it has implications for security beyond New Zealand."

Sir John said in an interview afterwards that it would be a sad day if the legislation was passed and Royal Navy ships would have to stop visiting New Zealand for the first time since Captain Cook charted the country's shores in 1769.

Royal Navy and American Navy ships would not be able to visit under the new legislation as they refuse to disclose which of their ships carry nuclear weapons.

Sir John said the New Zealand Government had undertaken to talk about the legislation and that process was under way.

"Let me make it quite clear that it will be extremely sad if we are required to break this relationship. And let me make it equally clear that it is not the British Government that has changed its policy. It is the New Zealand Government which has changed its policy."

He was concerned at the effect the New Zealand stand would have on the Western alliance. Deterrence had been at the heart of Nato policy and this had been successful in preventing war in Europe.

"I find it hard to believe that that policy has not also acted to the advantage of New Zealand. Although this country is geographically isolated from the European theatre, I don't believe there is an area of the world where you can consider yourself to be in a corner, fenced in and guaranteed peaceful existence."

Coup trial generals get bail

Bangkok (AP) – After two previous refusals, an appeals court decided to grant bail of 2.5 million baht (£66,000) each to five former generals charged with trying to overthrow the Thai Government last September.

The court decided that the five did not intend to flee once released.

They were arrested nine days after the coup attempt, in which five people died. Forces loyal to the Prime Minister, General Prem Tinsulanonda, put down the insurrection within hours.

The defendants, who have been standing trial since January 8 on charges of sedition, are Kriangsak Chomanand, former prime minister, Serm Nanakorn, Krasae Intharatna, Yod Thephadsadin and Aroon Phromthep.

Thirty-five other people also face sedition charges in connection with the coup attempt, but court officials said they had not requested bail.

Euro court upholds UK bar on oil sales

From a Correspondent, Luxembourg

The European Court of Justice yesterday upheld a British ban on sales of oil to Israel, and ruled that the ban was not illegal under the terms of a European Community Agreement with Israel.

The Luxembourg court's judgement is crucial to a five-year legal battle sparked off when the British petroleum and oil traders Sun Oil International refused to supply North Sea crude to a Swiss-based company, Bulk Oil, with a secret contract for delivery to Israel.

The British ban, which has never been written into United Kingdom law, has been in force since 1979. The Labour Government asked oil companies to comply with a policy statement specifically worded to exclude Israel and South Africa without mentioning either country by name.

When Sun learnt that the destination of the shipment from Sullom Voe was Israel, BP and Sun refused to load the oil on board ship, because BP's contract with Sun said the oil could be delivered to any country, provided this was "in Foe with United Kingdom poli...".

Bulk took its claim against Sun to arbitration. But the arbitrator was unsympathetic, and awarded Sun damages of $12 million instead, because Bulk had been in breach of its contract to supply the oil to a country acceptable to the British Government.

But when Bulk took the case to court in Britain, new questions were raised. The High Court turned to Luxembourg for guidance.

The European Court, however, seems to have dispelled any uncertainty by saying that the EEC-Israel agreement does not prevent Britain from restricting exports to Israel, even if it cannot obstruct imports.

But Britain has been rapped lightly over the knuckles for not informing the EEC authorities in Brussels and its EEC partners of its new policy before introducing the ban in 1979. That was against EEC rules, the court said yesterday, but it did not constitute any infringement of Bulk's rights which had to be protected by British courts.

Survey warns of Kenya Aids danger

Nairobi (AFP) – An eighth Aids victim has died in Kenya and an American study has found that as many as half the prostitutes in Nairobi could be carrying the virus's antibodies.

The latest victim, a 32-year-old man, died in the Indian Ocean port of Mombasa.

The main Aids victims in the West have been homosexuals, intravenous drug users and haemophiliacs. But a study published by the *New England Journal of Medicine* maintained that up to half the prostitutes in Nairobi carried Aids antibodies, meaning that heterosexual men could spread the disease.

A Kenyan researcher, DrNdiyu Achola, said that 26 cases of Aids had been diagnosed in Kenya.

Pope 'plans third visit to Poland'

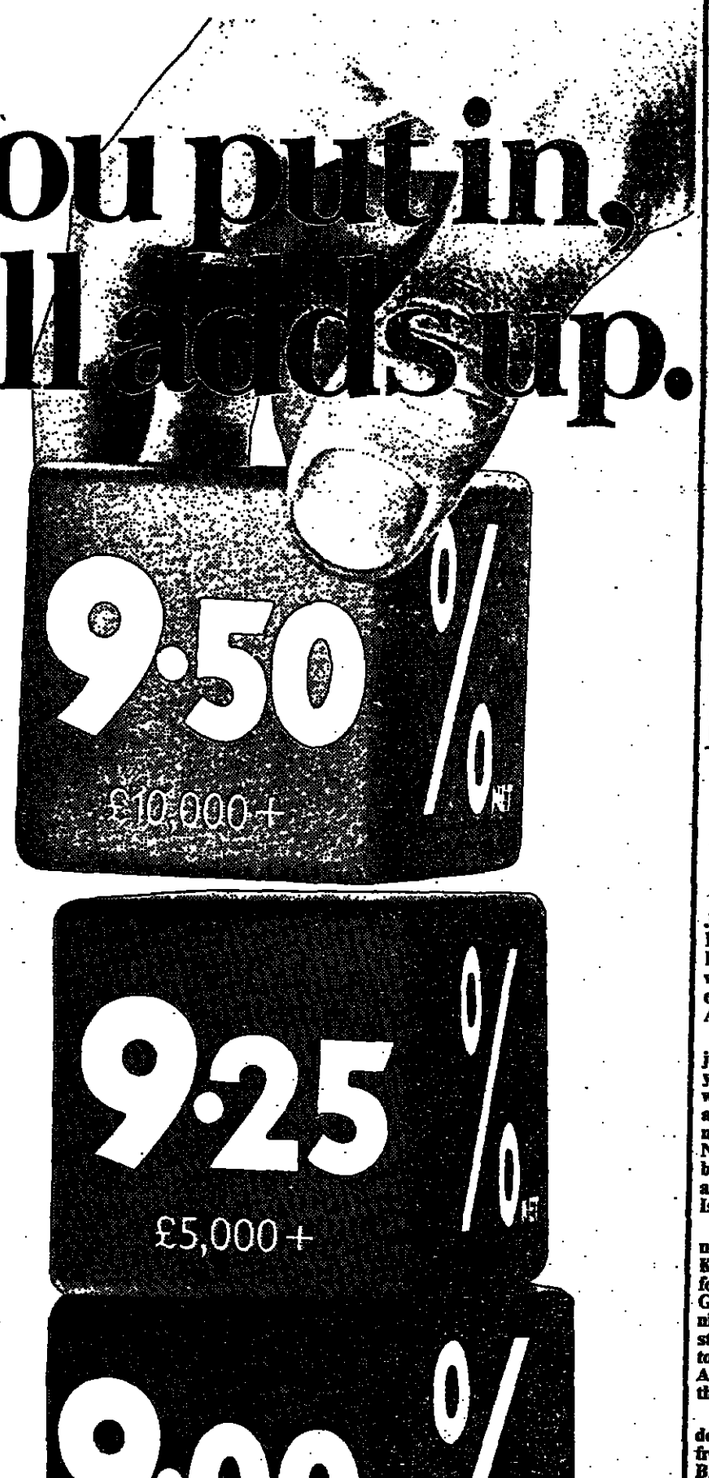
Warsaw (AFP) – The Pope will make his third Papal visit to his native Poland in June next year, according to reliable sources here. He attracted huge crowds on his previous visits as Pope in June 1979 and June 1983.

The sources say he will both open and close the Church's eucharistic congress, which would mean his spending at least a week there.

Discussions are taking place between the Church and the Polish authorities on his itinerary. It is expected to include Cracow, where he was archbishop before being elected Pope in 1978.

Diplomatic sources here say that the Polish leader, General Jaruzelski, may soon visit Rome and take the opportunity to meet the Pope.

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Sinking of the Mikhail Lermontov

Master questioned as criticism mounts of liner safety standards

From Richard Long, Wellington

Captain Vladislav Vorobyev, master of the ill-fated Russian liner Mikhail Lermontov, which sank off New Zealand's South Island on Sunday night, was questioned for five and half hours at the beginning of an official inquiry here yesterday.

The leader of the inquiry, Captain Steve Ponsford, said after the closed session that questioning of Captain Vorobyev would continue today as the inquiry required log books, which were not produced at yesterday's hearing.

The inquiry would also question Captain Don Jamison, the New Zealand pilot who was on board the liner.

Captain Vorobyov remained out of contact at the Soviet Embassy, where a spokesman said he would not be commenting for legal reasons.

Captain Jamison was also not available, but Mr Brune Dalliessi, chairman of the Marlborough Harbour Board, the pilot's employer, said the liner was outside the board's designated area of responsibility when it struck rocks.

Local fishermen and the Royal New Zealand Navy's hydrographer, Commander Ken Robertson, challenged the Soviet captain's claims that rocks in the area were not shown on survey charts.

The area was marked on charts as being less than 10 metres (30ft) deep, was shaded in blue and surrounded by a dotted line, which was a clear warning not to go anywhere near it, Commander Robertson said.

The Mikhail Lermontov sank after passing inside a beacon, close to the Cape Jackson headland, and striking rocks which divers said yesterday had torn a 30ft gash along the keel, up to 10ftwide in parts.

Fishermen and tourist launch operators in the scenic Marlborough Sound said they took small craft through the passage, between the beacon and headland, but would expect all larger vessels, including coastal ships, to go further out to sea.

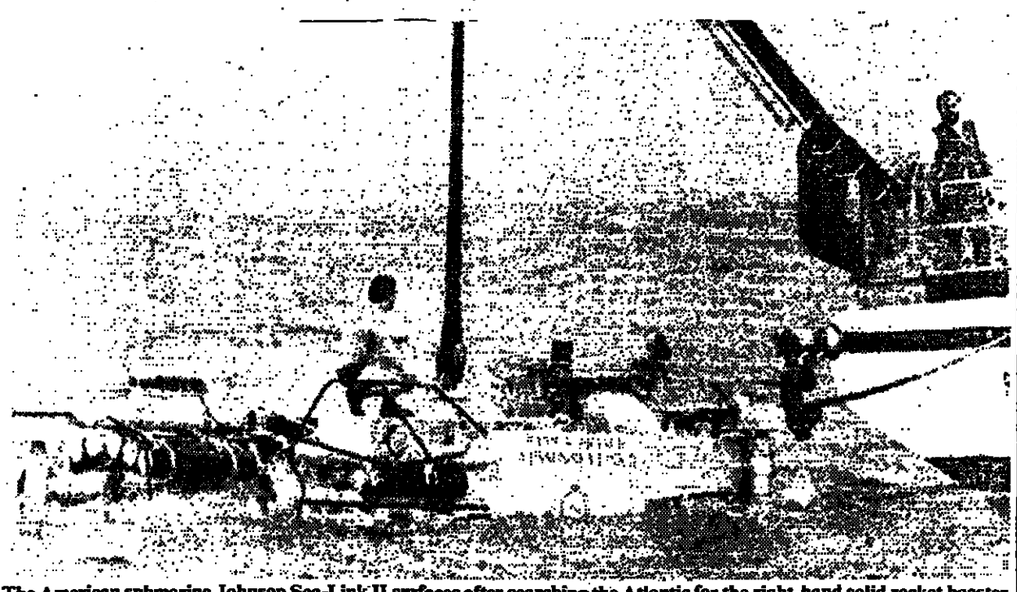
Lieutenant Peter Batcheler, commander of the Royal New Zealand Navy patrol boat Taupo, which is patrolling the wreck site, said some of the ship's lifeboats were so rotten that passengers went through them with their feet. Many of the rubber inflatable life-rafts would not open, lights on lifejackets did not work and rescue whistles were like "toys".

There were no English language instructions on any of the equipment, Lieutenant Batcheler said. "I picked up an emergency flare and I did not have a clue how to use it."

He said many lives would have been lost through such faulty equipment if the liner had gone down at sea. On Sunday night all but one of the 740 passengers and crew were picked up.

One Soviet seaman is thought to have gone down with the ship. Six passengers are still in Wellington Hospital with minor injuries.

Passengers arriving in Wellington after the rescue, many of them lightly clothed, complained that they were given no information about the state of the ship, even after it began drifting without power and developed a list. They could not reach their cabins because they were locked off.



The American submarine Johnson Sea-Link II surfaces after searching the Atlantic for the right-hand solid rocket booster thought to have caused the explosion on board the space shuttle Challenger in which seven astronauts died last month.

70 feared dead in head-on rail crash

Santiago (AP, Reuter) — Seventy people are feared to have died and up to 200 to have been injured when two crowded passenger trains collided head-on 60 miles north-east of the Chilean capital.

Initial reports indicated a much lower death toll, but several radio stations reported that it has reached about 70. A police officer who asked not to be identified said that the reports were accurate.

An official announcement is expected.

The crash happened on Monday near the town of Limache, on a bridge damaged in a bomb attack by leftist guerrillas opposed to the military regime of General Pinochet, more than a year ago.

The semi-official Orbe news agency said that one engine came to rest on top of the other and that 165 yards of track were ripped up in the collision.

One train was carrying passengers from the resort cities of Valparaiso and Viña del Mar to Santiago, and the other was travelling from Los Andes to Valparaiso, a popular route for Argentine tourists.

The state railway company, Ferrocarriles del Estado, said that since the bomb attack only one of the two tracks had been in use.

A company spokesman said that the accident was apparently due to human error.

Six die in outback tragedy

From Stephen Taylor, Sydney

The perils posed by the sheer vastness of the Australian outback have been underlined by a tragedy in the Northern Territory which has claimed six lives.

Police who discovered the bodies of three adults and three children in the harsh and empty waste are still piecing together how they died, but the case seems to follow a pattern fairly familiar in the outback.

The group, a family of five and an elderly man, were apparently driving in a station wagon on a rough dirt road 470 miles north of Alice Springs when the vehicle got bogged down in the soil.

The golden rule for drivers who break down in the hot outback is to conserve energy by staying with the vehicle.

Whether as a result of dehydration, or sheer desperation, this group ignored the rule.

Police first found a woman, aged 34, about 100 yards from the vehicle. A few hundred yards off were her three children, a baby of six months and two girls aged three and four.

In another direction, about two miles from the van, they found a 65-year-old man, said to be experienced in the bush. Less than a mile further on, but still three miles or so from the borehole he had apparently been seeking, was the head of the family, a man of 38.

There was one survivor, a dog found sheltering under the car.

Iberia jets sabotaged

Madrid — Acts of suspected sabotage against two Iberia airliners have been discovered, the company said yesterday (Harry Debelius writes). A fleet check has been carried out and hangar security stepped up.

On January 31, technicians servicing a DC9 found that wires to the landing gear indicator had been cut. Four days later fuel jettison valves of a Boeing 727 were also sabotaged.

Moscow joins in with own inquiry

From Christopher Walker, Moscow

The Soviet authorities have announced the setting up of a special commission to investigate the causes of the sinking of the Mikhail Lermontov.

The announcement of the official inquiry was made here by Mr Timolfey Guzhenko, the maritime fleet minister.

"The cause of the accident and the ship's loss will be determined by a specially appointed commission," he told *Izvestia*.

The official newspaper said that the disaster, in which more than 700 passengers and crew were rescued and only one crewman was believed to have been drowned, was the first of its kind to happen to a Soviet ship "for many years".

Although details of the composition of the Soviet inquiry were not clear, *Prawda* reported that officials from Moscow would be flying out to join the investigation already under way in New Zealand.

After a complete news blackout lasting some 24 hours in which nothing about the sinking was reported by the state-controlled media, subsequent reports published here have given the impression that map deficiencies and human error by the New Zealand pilot had been the main causes of the disaster.

Interviewed by telephone by Soviet television, Captain Vladislav Vorobyev, the master of the 20,352 ton liner — who had earlier refused to talk to reporters in Wellington — claimed that the New Zealand pilot had tried to lead the Mikhail Lermontov on a safe course, but that it had hit rocks which had not been shown on the maps.

"The ship can definitely be recovered," he added.

Reports about the tragedy in the official Soviet press have emphasized the bravery, coolness and efficiency with which Soviet crewmen carried out the evacuation of the crippled liner.

In recent weeks, there has been a growing debate inside the Communist Party about the reporting of accidents and natural disasters by the Soviet media.

Encouraged by the new campaign of "openness" launched by Mr Gorbachov, officials have attacked the official press for concentrating too much on disasters in the West while giving minimal coverage to those within the USSR.

Forbidden City is wearing out

Peking (Reuter) — The Forbidden City in Peking, China's former imperial palace, is falling into disrepair and suffering wear and tear from millions of visitors, according to the *Economic Daily*.

It said that £16 million had been spent on renovating the huge complex of buildings since the Communists took power in 1949.

The number of visitors to the Forbidden City has risen by 10 per cent annually over the past few years. In 1985, it attracted almost 11 million people.

The "golden bricks" in the main halls, whose manufacturing technique is a mystery, have been worn down by 2cm.

Peace-loving Malaysia in arms display

Kuala Lumpur (AP) — The Prime Minister of Malaysia, Dr Mahathir Muhammad, yesterday opened an international arms exhibition by saying he hoped there would be no arms race in South-East Asia.

The arms race had cost the superpowers a great deal of money, he said, and Malaysia, a peace-loving country, would never place defence ahead of socio-economic development.

Senior government officials said that since Dr Mahathir took office in July 1981 he had cut defence spending and scrapped the building of air bases and the buying of new weapons.

Old comrades back in action to fight famine

From Our Correspondent, Sydney

As pilots with the Royal Australian Air Force, Bob Hayward and his mates flew relief missions in Vietnam and New Guinea. Now they want to do it again — only in Africa, and for free.

Captain Hayward, a commercial pilot, is part of a venture involving 30 former comrades-in-arms of the RAAF 36 Squadron who have formed themselves into a consortium of volunteers. Their offer is to fly, crew and maintain one of their old aircraft, which was donated in December by the Canberra Government for famine relief operations in Africa.

"You could say it is partly for the excitement, but there's more to it than that. It's a chance to see beneficial results from your efforts. The whole thing, the Geldof business, has really captured the Australian imagination," Captain Hayward says.

More than 80 volunteers from the aviation world have come forward to offer their skills. The former members of 36 Squadron form the logical nucleus for a voluntary crew group to fly an ex-RAF Hercules C130 donated by Australia.

The volunteers include pilots, flight mechanics and, no less important, loadmasters. Some, like Hayward who flew in Cambodia for World Vision in the aftermath of the Pol Pot holocaust, have previous experience of disaster relief work.

The story started with the request last year by Action Aid Australia to Canberra for seven mothballed Hercules. Initially there was no response but when Bob Geldof, the Band Aid organizer, visited Australia in October he agreed to be associated with the initiative and made a personal request to Mr Bob Hawke, the Prime Minister. As a result, Mr Hawke announced on television that two Hercules would be refurbished and made available.

The volunteers point out that, because they would be taking no pay and operating in rotation while on leave, their service would be much cheaper. "This is an aircraft which belongs to the Australian people. It is part of an Australian response to a crisis. There is no way there should be any profit element," Captain Hayward says.

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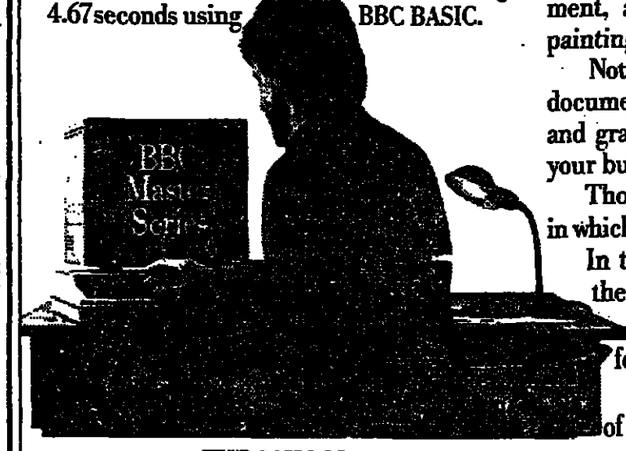
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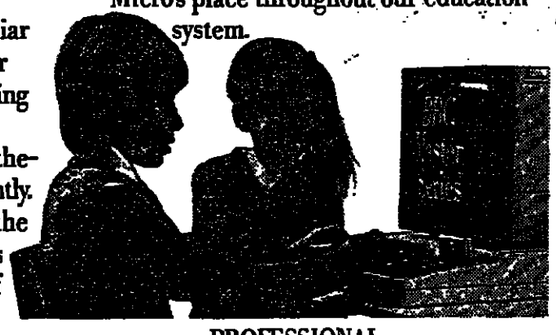
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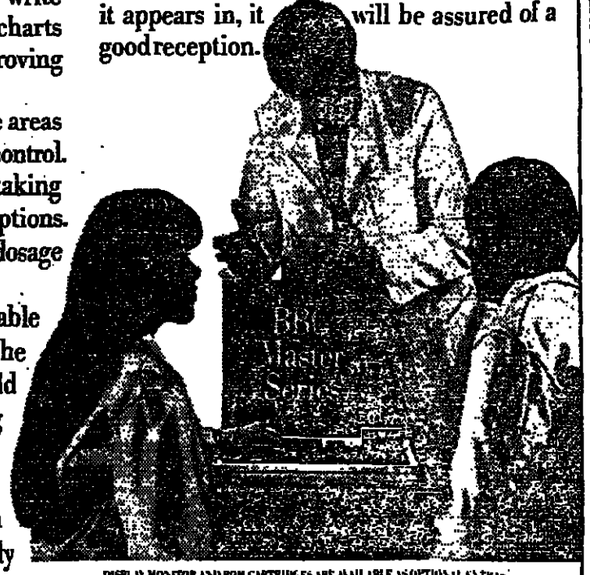
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Troubled times for US drugs giant

Deaths end capsule sales

New Brunswick, New Jersey (AP) — Johnson & Johnson has decided no longer produce over-the-counter medicines in capsules, but whoever murdered a woman with a poisoned painkiller has not beaten the giant company, its chairman says.

The decision to stop production came nine days after a New York woman was killed by cyanide-contaminated Tylenol capsules and 3½ years after seven people in the Chicago area suffered the same fate.

"We fought our way back from the Chicago tragedy ... thanks to the fairness and good judgement of the American consumer," the chairman, Mr James Burke, told a press conference.

"We will do it again this time. What we've done is say: 'You're not going to defeat us'."

Mr Burke urged users of Tylenol capsules to switch to coated, oval tablets known as "caplets," and said that Johnson & Johnson will replace free of charge any capsules now in homes or stores.

The US drug industry reacted cautiously to the announcement and the Food and Drug Administration said it would be premature to call for an industry-wide ban on capsule medicines.

●Texas victim: Police in the town of Tyler, Texas, are investigating whether a man diagnosed as suffering from cyanide poisoning two weeks ago ingested the chemical from Tylenol capsules he took shortly before he collapsed (UPI reports).

The 41-year-old victim survived the poisoning that occurred four days before the New York woman died from taking cyanide-laced Extra-Strength Tylenol capsules.

Police in Tyler, 100 miles east of Dallas, said they delayed disclosing the incident, which had occurred on February 4, because they did not want to alarm residents.

They also refused to pinpoint the poisoned Tylenol as the cause of the man's illness, even though he took four capsules of the painkiller the day he collapsed.

"At this stage of the investigation, we don't know how or when or even if the cyanide was put into the capsules," a police officer said.

The victim, who worked for the Mental Retardation Centre of East Texas, a state social service organization, took four capsules at his office. Shortly after swallowing the last two he dropped to the floor and went into convulsions. Hospital tests showed he had ingested some form of cyanide.

Dr. Michael Welch, who treated the patient at the hospital, said that after cyanide was found in the patient's blood, he told doctors he had taken Tylenol shortly before collapsing.

Dynasty fights maid for will fortune

From Michael Binyon
Washington

One of America's most bizarre challenges to a multi-millionaire's will began in a New York court yesterday, as six descendants of the Johnson & Johnson pharmaceuticals dynasty tried to wrest the family fortune from their father's former Polish chambermaid.

Yesterday the jury was being selected in the Manhattan surrogate court for a case which is expected to last months if not years.

The case is the stuff of which American soap operas are made. Mr J Seward Johnson, son of the founder of the giant company, died in 1983 at the age of 87, leaving virtually his entire estate, valued at between $400 million and $1 billion (£286 million to £714 million) to his third wife Basia, whom he married when he was 76 and she was 34.

Between his marriage and his death his will was revised 22 times with the benefits to Mrs Johnson growing inexorably until she was one of the richest women in the world.

The former Basia Piasecka arrived in America aged 31 in 1968, after studying art at the Vatican. With only $100 in her pocket and speaking no English she took a job as an upstairs chambermaid, serving tea to Mr Johnson and his second wife Esther.

Within one year of herarrival the Johnson marriage was destroyed. They were divorced on November 3, 1971, and eight days later Seward married Basia.

One day after the wedding he changed his will, giving her $250,000, some company shares and income from a $10 million stockholding.

In his subsequent wills, which the family claimed were obtained from a sick old man by fraud, duress, coercion and undue influence, Mr Johnson left nothing to the Harbour Branch Oceanography Institute in Florida, which he founded, and which has joined the family in disputing the will.

The family claims that as Mr Johnson grew old and sick with cancer his third wife virtually imprisoned him in their California home, dismissing all English-speaking staff and replacing them with Poles. They say that the final draft of his will on April 14, 1983, five weeks before his death, was made when he was so confused he could barely recognize anyone.

One daughter, Mrs Mary Lee Richards, said in court papers filed last year that Basia had deliberately prevented him leaving money to the Oceanography Institute, his lifelong hobby.



Mr Mendel Nunn, an archaeologist specializing in the Sea of Galilee area, picking through the mud at the bow of a 27ft boat dating from the time of Jesus Christ. The boat was found with other artefacts recently when the water level was lowered.

Vogel's doubts on Kohl payment

From Frank Johnson
Bonn

Herr Hans-Jochen Vogel leader of the Social Democrat in the Federal Parliamen (Bundestag), said here yester day that Chancellor Koh could not have been "entirel ignorant" of the final destina tion of cash payments whic are the subject of an impend ing investigation against Her Kohl.

But Herr Vogel, who wa talking to reporters after hi sudden and unexpected new of the investigation by publi prosecutors, stopped short o demanding Herr Kohl's resig nation. The private view at tributed to him by the pres here was that such demand were premature, but that Her Kohl had better clarify th matter quickly.

Herr Dieter Cronenberg, a MP and member of the Na tional Executive of the Fre Democrats (FDP), the libera party with which Herr Kohl' Christian Democrats (CDU are in coalition, called on th Opposition not to "prejudge" Herr Kohl.

These cautious circling around the issue were repre sentative of the mood o uncertainty here yesterday Herr Kohl might be in trouble.But if he continues to deny knowledge of where the money eventually went, it could all evaporate.

What had started as little more than a ploy by the Green MP and radical lawyer Her Otto Schily — an application to the prosecutors for an investigation of whether Her Kohl told the truth about tax evading payments to the Christian Democrats by bu business — suddenly looke more serious. The prosecutor in Koblenz made it know that it was to be investigated.

Some of the payments relat to when Herr Kohl was tha region's Prime Minister, an CDU party chairman, in the 1970s. The money went to what ostensibly was a research institute, but which was reall a CDU front organization. By making the payments to an institute, business contribu tors to a political party can avoid tax.

Herr Kohl's defence ove the past two years has been that he believed the payments were legal.

Britons' role in Uganda war

From Richard Dowden, Kampala

The Okello regime in Uganda employed British mercenaries to fly and arm its helicopter gunships, according to an American airman being questioned by the authorities here. This must have been done with the knowledge of the British Government.

Five men from Defence Systems Ltd, the London-based private security company, arrived late last year to fly and arm the Uganda Army's two Bell Augusta helicopter gunships.

The two pilots, Mr Richard Merry and a Mr Peacock, a white Zimbabwean, flew several test missions over Lake Victoria to fire the newly-installed rockets and machine guns. Later, the gunships were in action against the National Resistance Army (NRA), though there is no evidence that these missions were flown by Defence Systems personnel.

Defence Systems is a respectable Westminster-based security firm, which employs mainly former Special Air Services personnel. Its chairman is Viscount Monckton of Brenchley and it would not operate in a country without the approval of the British Government.

A spokesman for the British High Commission here said that he was aware that Defence Systems and other British security companies were operating in Uganda, but did not know exactly what they were doing.

Mr Joe Jackson, an American employed by Uganda Air Cargo as flight engineer for the company's C130 aircraft, is being questioned by the new Ugandan authorities. He and Mr Colin Palph, a New Zealander who worked for the company which serviced helicopters here, are not being detained but their passports have been confiscated.

Mr Jackson said that Defence Systems arrived at the time of the signing of the peace accord between the Okello government and the NRA, and continued to work after the peace agreement was signed. The government had decided to buy and fit rocket pods and machineguns for the two Bell Augusta Griffin helicopters.

The Italian company responsible for servicing the aircraft refused to fit the weapons, and so Defence Systems was called in. It sent two pilots and three armourers, four of them British.

Before they arrived, however, Canadian employees of a Swiss company, Clareville Ag, had already fitted the weapons and were flying the helicopters, Mr Jackson said that the two Clareville pilots, Mr Bill Waugh and another called Bernt, had been flying the civilian helicopters for some time as well as airlifting supplies to Okello garrisons surrounded by the NRA at Masaka.

"After one mission the helicopter picked up 11 bullet holes so Bernt said he wouldn't fly it any more. But Waugh went on flying, and I'm told he flew one of the combat missions."

The Defence Systems men stayed at the Lake Victoria Hotel at Entebbe and Mr Jackson said they always carried their AK47 assault rifles with them.

All of them fled at the time of the takeover in January, but Mr Waugh flew the ousted President Okello to Jinja and then to Sudan before going to Nairobi.

Journalist set free by Tamils

Colombo — Mrs Penelope Willis, the 64-year-old British freelance journalist kidnapped by Tamil guerrillas on January 17, was released yesterday into the care of the British High Commission and the International Red Cross (Our Correspondent writes).

She was freed at a refugee camp outside Jaffna, the main town of the Northern Province, and was expected to be flown to Colombo in a private plane.

Her captors had maintained that she was a spy. When Mrs Willis was released reporters were not given access to her on the ground that it would be a breach of her understanding with the guerrillas.

Drinkers pay their dues

Moscow (AFP) — Fines under new Soviet anti-alcohol laws have netted the Ulyanovsk region east of Moscow $1.2 million (about £860,000) since last June.

The region, where alcoho' sales fell by $28 million las year, has 1.3 million of th Soviet's 280 million popula tion.

Fire toll 16

Rio de Janeiro (AFP) — The death toll in a fire that ravaged a 13-story building here has risen to 16 and is expected to rise further as workers continue their search for victims.

Bomb arrests

Brussels (AFP) — Police investigating a suspected bomb-smuggling ring have seized 143lb of explosives and devices from a city garage after arresting four people.

Drug haul

San Salvador (Reuter) — Police arrested a seven-man drug ring carrying $658,000 (£470,000) in cash and cocaine worth $249,000 as they prepared to smuggle 154 packets of cocaine to Los Angeles.

Tigers at risk

Peking (Reuter) — China last week welcomed the Year of the Tiger, but its 200 tigers in the wild may not survive until the next tiger year, 1998, a leading newspaper said.

Strike called

Delhi (Reuter) — India's opposition parties have called a national one-day general strike, to exclude the capital, in protest against Government price increases for essential goods on February 26.

Planes wait

Madrid — A work-to-rule protest by air traffic controllers wanting more pay and better equipment caused delays of up to five hours at Madrid airport on Monday.

Rescuers die

Lisbon — Seven Portuguese seamen drowned in trying to save the 25 crew of a ship adrift in heavy Atlantic seas. They were taken off by helicopter, but only one man from the rescue ship survived.

Cat-fusion

Wellington (Reuter) — A stray cat fused its nine lives in one electrifying burst when it stepped into generating equipment, blowing out the power system of a large meatworks near Dunedin.



Mr Turgut Ozal, the Turkish Prime Minister, meeting the Lord Mayor of London, Sir Allan Davis, yesterday at the Mansion House. (Photograph, Bill Warhurst).

Ozal wants Turkey in EEC within 10 years

By Nicholas Ashford, Diplomatic Correspondent

Mr Turgut Ozal, the Turkish Prime Minister, outlined the case for eventual Turkish membership of the European Community when he met Mrs Thatcher at Downing Street yesterday, the second day of his four-day official visit to Britain.

Encouraged by Monday's decision by European Foreign Ministers to revive Turkey's association agreement with the EEC later this year, he expressed the hope that Turkey may be accepted as a full member within 10 years.

Britain looks favourably on the idea of eventual Turkish membership but believes that it could take as long as 15 or 20 years before Turkey is politically and economically ready.

One of the main stumbling blocks is the continued Turkish occupation of the northern part of Cyprus, an issue that was also discussed at yesterday's talks. Greece had objected to a revival of Turkey's association agreement and would be certain to block full Turkish membership while the Cyprus problem remains unresolved.

Another problem area is Turkey's human rights record which, although improving since Mr Ozal's civilian government took office two years ago, still leaves much to be desired.

Amnesty International delivered a report to Mrs Thatcher's office before yesterday's meeting, saying there was evidence that torture was still being widely used in Turkish prisons.

The organization says there are over 15,000 political prisoners in Turkey.

Yesterday Mr Ozal also met Mr Nigel Lawson, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, had lunch in the City of London and attended an official banquet in Downing Street.

Bill on euthanasia blocked

The Hague (Reuter) — The Dutch Government has blocked euthanasia legislation despite majority support but its backers still say The Netherlands is likely to be the first country to allow mercy-killing.

Mr Pieter Smit, the Liberal spokesman, said a request by Mr Frederik Korthals Altes, the Minister for Justice, to have the debate deferred, had insured the Bill could not become law before a general election due in May. But he said its support was so strong that it was virtually inevitable after the election.

'Billions' for UK in Star Wars

By Our Diplomatic Correspondent

The head of President Reagan's "Star Wars" programme forecast yesterday that contracts worth billions of dollars could eventually be won by British companies and research organizations as a result of Britain's decision to take part in the controversial space defence project.

However, General James Abrahamson, who has been in London to give details of classified aspects of the project to interested British companies, said that it would take several years before any significant commercial benefits could be reaped.

"The first step is the planting of technical seeds which we expect to sprout and grow," he said before leaving discuss possible Israeli participation in the Strategic Defence Initiative (SDI).

While in London General Abrahamson initialled a series of implementing instructions with Dr. Richard Norman, chief scientific adviser at the Ministry of Defence, which will make it easier for British companies to take part in the $26 billion dollar project.

He said Britain's involvement would have important spin-offs for conventional defence and civilian projects.

He denied some American reports that the value of work going to Britain and other participating allies would be far lower than is officially being projected.

Hurd joins Paris war on terror

From Diana Geddes
Paris

Mr Douglas Hurd, the Home Secretary, held talks in Paris yesterday with M Pierre Joxe, his French counterpart, on ways of intensifying bilateral and international co-operation on terrorism and drug trafficking.

It was the second meeting between the two ministers within the last three months and indicates the growing awareness of both sides of the increasingly international character of their jobs.

Mr Hurd has held similar meetings within the last few months with his Italian and Greek counterparts.

The problems relating to the policing of the Channel Tunnel were not discussed. Mr Hurd said that talks between officials on such issues as measures to control rabies, drugs, terrorism, and immigration in relation to the fixed link would begin "fairly soon", but that it was still too early for discussions at ministerial level.

The recent bomb attacks in Rome, Vienna and Paris featured prominently in yesterday's talks but Libya was not discussed. France and Britain do not share the United States view that Libya is the fountainhead of world terrorism.

Mr Hurd indicated that both he and M Joxe were in general satisfied with the co-operation already existing between the various agencies dealing with drugs and terrorism in their two countries.

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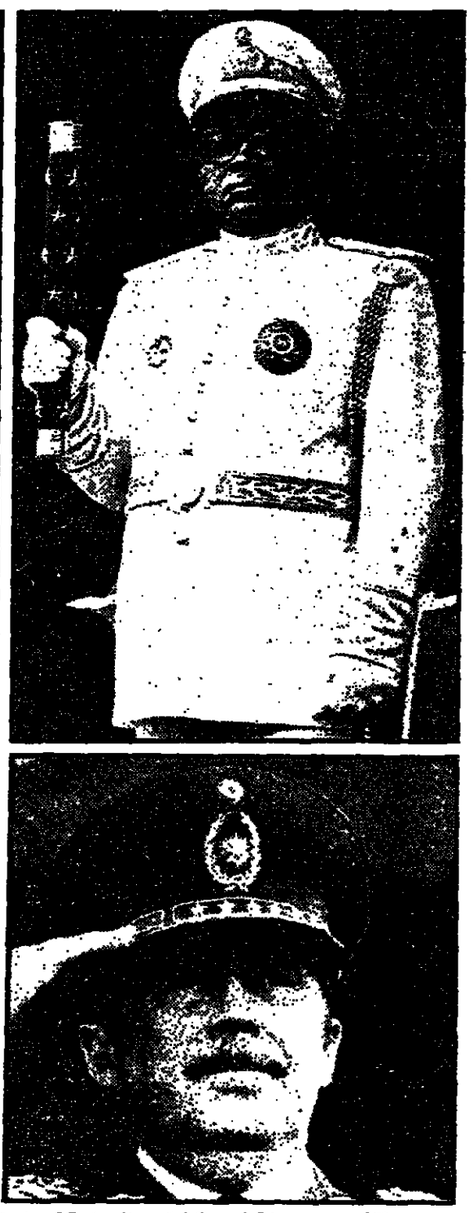
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Tyranny in the firing line

Ten years ago much of Latin America was ruled by dictators, most of whom have now fallen. In Africa, too, some harsh regimes are over. Could despotism be on the way out?





Absolute power: President Pinochet of Chile (left); Mobutu of Zaire (top right); and Stroessner of Paraguay

These are bad times for dictators. Many have been finding out the hard way that their services are no longer required – they have lost their jobs.

A generation ago a political map of Latin America would have shown far more dictatorships than democracies. Some of the *caudillos* then in power were internationally famous figures, synonymous with cruelty and corruption – Peron in Argentina, Batista in Cuba, Trujillo in Dominica, Somoza in Nicaragua and Duvalier in Haiti.

Africa, too, produced its crop of tin-pot dictators. Some, like Kwame Nkrumah in Ghana, won a degree of political respectability by being in the forefront of the struggle against European colonialism. Others, however, took despotism and self-enrichment to heights never dreamt of by their Latin counterparts.

In Equatorial Guinea, for example, the tyrannical rule of the late Macias Nguema caused one-third of the population to flee the country. His near-neighbour Emperor Jean-Bédel Bokassa spent a quarter of the Central African Republic's foreign earnings on his Napoleonic-style coronation, fed his enemies to the crocodiles and, according to those who opened his refrigerator after he was overthrown, dined off human flesh.

The exploits of Idi Amin, "conqueror" of the British empire, have been all too well documented. Yet evidence now beginning to emerge suggests that the man who preceded and succeeded him, Milton Obote, may have had an equally bloodstained career.

Even modern Europe has not been immune from dictators. It is just over a decade since Spain and Portugal emerged from the dark years of dictatorship under General Franco and Dr Antonio Salazar to transform themselves into fully-fledged western democracies. And Greece's unhappy flirtation with military rule was a sharp reminder that democracy remains a fragile flower even in Europe.

According to the current issue of *International Security*, an American publication, there are 38 dictators around the world who have been in office for more than a decade. Many of them are very old – President Bourguiba of Tunisia and President Banda of Malawi, for example, are both octogenarians.

The only surprise about the overthrow of President" Baby Doc" Duvalier of Haiti is that it took so long. Duvalier's dictatorship was a classic of its kind, and so was his downfall. Having none of his late father's political guile – nor his ruthlessness – Baby Doc survived as long as he did largely because his people had been crushed by decades of poverty and brutality. While the people starved, Duvalier and his glamorous wife Michele stashed away a fortune estimated at more than £300 million.

It was particularly appropriate that the Duvaliers should have set off into exile aboard a United States military plane, a means of refuge used by other fleeing dictators.

In the past the United States has been tolerant of the tyrants who popped up around the Western hemisphere. Some were installed by Washington, others were actively encouraged if they were thought capable of protecting US interests (which often took the form of the United Fruit Company) or, more importantly, keeping communists at bay. The Americans were prepared to tolerate "Papa" and "Baby Doc" Duvalier for so long largely because they disliked Fidel Castro's type of communism almost as much as the US did.

The decline of Latin American dictatorships can be traced to a change in US attitudes that began with the Kennedy administration. US governments decided that simply being anti-communist was not enough to justify American support. Adherence to democratic principles and respect for human rights were also important. When men like Batista and Somoza paid no attention to either democracy or human rights, the Americans helped local opposition forces to remove them.

One of the most striking developments in Latin America during the past decade has been the way that dictatorship and military rule have given way to democracy – a process for which the US can claim much credit. During the 1970s Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Peru, Ecuador, Uruguay, Bolivia, Paraguay, in fact most of Central America (with the notable exception of Costa Rica) were run by military dictatorships. Today more 90 per cent of Latin American people are living in countries that are either democratic or heading in that direction.

There are only two old-style right-wing military dictators still in power in Latin America, President Alfredo Stroessner of Paraguay and President Augusto Pinochet of Chile – and probably only Stroessner fully deserves the title *caudillo*, a type of feudal leader peculiar to Latin America.

Stroessner, now aged 73, has ruled his impoverished, land-locked country with a mixture of paternalism and fear since he seized power in a coup in 1954, and will probably go on doing so until he dies. He has been in office longer than Franco was in Spain; at least half of Paraguay's three million people were not born when he seized power.

His slogan, seen on hoardings around the capital, Asunción, is "peace, work and well-being"; it undoubtedly holds an appeal for a country which had 28 presidents in the 40 years before Stroessner took power. A desire for stability and continuity partly explains why Stroessner invariably manages to win around 90 per cent of the vote each time there is an election. Fraud and corruption undoubtedly also play their part, but it is widely believed that even if a free election were held Stroessner would easily win, so successful has he been in turning Paraguay into his personal fiefdom.

Stroessner, son of a Bavarian brewer, has been maliciously described by Graham Greene in *Travels with My Aunt* as looking like an "amiable, well-fed host of a Bavarian *bierstube*." But there is little that is amiable about Stroessner. He has remained in power by creating a permanent climate of fear and hopelessness through, to quote a report by Paraguayan bishops: "arbitrary detention, torture, lack of freedom and the absence of personal guarantees." During his years in power an estimated 40,000 people, including the potential leaders of an effective opposition, have fled or been chased into exile.

An opponent of Stroessner has described the foundations of his enduring regime as "the three Cs" – cronies, corruption and cruelty. The cronies are mainly old army pals and the large group of expatriate Germans, some of them ex-Nazis, he has allowed to settle there. Many of them hold government posts or control the huge contraband trade which is one of the mainstays of the economy.

Corruption has become embedded in the fabric of Paraguayan politics. This, too, hinges on the contraband trade. Stroessner himself is said to live modestly and to dislike the extravagance of some of his colleagues and the exiles whom he has allowed to settle in Paraguay, notably the Somoza family after they were kicked out of Nicaragua in 1979.

Cruelty is central to his dictatorship. The country is in a permanent state of siege. Stroessner is kept informed of everything taking place in the country by his secret police. Thousands of political prisoners are kept in jail.

As Stroessner's years advance and his health weakens a power struggle has developed between two factions of his party, the "militants", who are promoting his son, Gustavo, and the "traditionalists" who come from the country's wealthy patrician families and are backing a civilian. But Stroessner has shown no sign of choosing an heir apparent.

In Chile, Pinochet must regard Stroessner's virtually unchallenged control of his country with envy and frustration. Pinochet's leadership has been constantly challenged since the overthrow of Marxist president Salvador Allende in 1973. Furthermore, whereas Paraguay is ignored by most of the world, Chile is seen as exemplifying all that is rotten about right-wing military dictatorships. Even the US, which helped bring Pinochet to power, now finds him a political embarrassment and is pressing for a return to democrary.

When Pinochet did try some political liberalization a couple of years ago his efforts produced widespread unrest across the country. He responded in the classic style of a military dictator with imprisonment and torture.

How long he and his generals can stay in control remains to be seen. Their 13-year tenure has been largely due to the deep divisions between the opposition parties. However, he is committed to a constitutional process which calls for a plebiscite and Congressional election by the end of this decade – and the Americans are likely to hold him to this timetable.

Africa still has a clutch of dictators clinging on to power, most of whom have been in office since their countries became independent. Despite his many eccentricities and a record of dealing ruthlessly with his opponents, Dr Hastings Banda of Malawi is generally considered to have had a beneficial influence on his country. Under his autocratic rule Malawi, once known as the "dustbin of Africa", has prospered in a modest way and is now much-loved by western development agencies wanting to invest in projects in Africa.

The same could not be said of President Mobutu Sésé Seko of Zaire who has presided over the systematic impoverishment of what could be one of the richest countries in Africa. While his people have grown steadily poorer, Mobutu has amassed a fortune.

President Mobutu has remained in power largely because the Americans, the French and the Belgians wanted him to. Although they have little love for his methods and despair at his mismanagement of the economy, he has managed to hold together a sprawling country that dominates the heart of the African continent. At all costs Mobutu's western backers wanted to avoid a repetition of the bloody Congo war of the 1960s which would almost certainly provoke Soviet involvement.

Western support for dictators like Mobutu creates its own conundrum – what happens when they die or are overthrown? The *International Security* article showed that the departure of a dictator is almost always followed by a period of political unrest – and that the unrest tends to be more severe the longer the dictator had been in office. Thus, the stability which a dictator may provide while in office can be lost almost immediately after he departs, as the revolution in Iran so clearly demonstrated.

The overthrow of a dictator like Duvalier may be little more than a tragi-comedy, but there are others whose departure from power would be no joke.

Nicholas Ashford



Robert Lindsay: "I seem to be public property now"

An old china on Broadway

A Cockney musical is tipped to take New York by storm, much to the surprise of its unlikely star

If in the depths of last winter you had gazed into a crystal ball to predict Broadway's next British musical star you might have been startled to have come face to face with Robert Lindsay. There is, of course, nothing wrong with the face of Robert Lindsay; indeed, it has that rubbery, humorous and sympathetic mix that is the quintessence of musical comedy.

It was just that it, and he, had been all of those things for a long time, through a succession of television sitcoms – *Citizen Smith*, *Seconds Out*, *Give Us a Break* – punctuated by an occasional foray into the theatre that was critically approved but popularly unrecognized. It seemed more of the same when he returned to the West End in a 50-year-old show steeped in wartime sentimentality, bedecked with uncultured singalongs such as *Lambeth Walk*, *Leaning on a Lamp Post* and *The Sun Has Got His Hat On*, apparently lacking only *Run Rabbit Run* and *Hey Little Hen* from the composer Noel Gay's repertoire to qualify it for the year's ultimate cor blimey. Its leading man was surely about to squander his talent on the transient nostalgia of a coachload or two of OAPs.

In the event *Me and My Girl* was accorded an almost unanimous thumbs up from the critics who came, one suspects, to patronize and left in adulation. It has played to packed audiences of young and old ever since and went on to win the Laurence Olivier Award for the best musical of 1985, with Lindsay the best actor in a musical. And now Lindsay finds himself taking the year's most unlikely hit to New York.

Will it travel? Four thousand miles from its cheerful Cockney origins, what chance can there be for a show as American as jellied eels? Lindsay admits that he is the wrong man to ask; he thought the show would flop in London. Though not a Cockney he can play Cockney parts at the drop of a hat, and when offered the part, he says: "I thought, God, it's the same old thing again. I didn't like the script. I couldn't see it working in the eighties. So I turned it down.

"They persuaded me to take the music on holiday with me to Ibiza. I played *The Sun Has Got His Hat On*, and maybe because the sun was shining at the time I thought: 'This is *quite* fun'. I rang my dad up in Nottinghamshire and he said he had seen it first time around and remembered the cloak scene so, when I got back to England, I took the music up to play to him. He had been a trade union man all his life and it was just at the time when the Nottingham miners were working and there were pickets everywhere and everyone was gloomy. 'That'll do it', he said, 'that'll cheer 'em up'. I realized he was right."

At the age of 36, and 15 years after leaving RADA, Robert Lindsay has become a star. With the possible exception of Michael Crawford's virtuoso performance in *Barnum*, he has probably just completed the most energetic and exhausting 12 months' theatrical work seen in London for years.

'What terrifies me most of all is being successful'

"I know what's happened to me", he says, "and I'm not sure that I like it. People cash my cheques. For the first time in my life restaurant managers find a table for me. But a lot of my old relationships have gone out of the window. I seem to be public property now."

The loss of privacy partly explains the open fear with which he faces the prospect of leading a new *Me and My Girl* cast on to the New York stage next July. "I'll tell you what terrifies me most of all and that's being successful. If it's no good then I'll hop on the next plane home and that'll be that. But I know what Americans do to you if they like you.

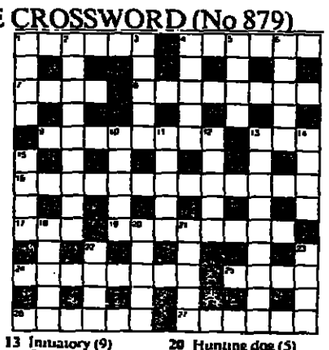
"I think it was Jeremy Irons who said to me once that the trouble with the English is that they can't handle success."

"I thought they were mad when they first started talking about taking it to Broadway", Lindsay says. "Four times I was asked to go and four times I said no. Then came the summer, the American tourists started flocking in to see the show, and night after night we got the same standing ovation. But it was only when I started meeting some of them that I realized what was happening.

"This was the England they had come all this way to see and they found that in real life it didn't exist any more. Then they came to the Adelphi and there it was Aristocrats with tennis racquets on country lawns and a little man in a funny pork-pie hat saying 'wacha mi' old china'. They loved it. You never know, they might still love it when *we* take it to *them*.

William Greaves

CONCISE CROSSWORD (No 879)



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1 Gamble (4,2)
4 Failure (6)
7 Scots lake (4)
8 Illustrious (8)
9 Paralysis (6)
13 It is (3)
16 Services leaders (6,2,5)
17 Adult male (3)
19 Divine study (8)
24 Elevation (8)
25 Worry (4)
26 Apathetic (6)
27 Hawker (6)

DOWN
1 Story (4)
2 Solitude (9)
3 Heathen (5)
4 Waste (5)
5 Post (4)
6 Daring feat (5)
10 Be suitable for (5)
11 Wear away (5)
12 Rope fibre (5)
13 Intuitory (9)
14 Couch (4)
15 Trash (4)
18 Distribute (5)
20 Hunting dog (5)
21 Ahead (3,2)
22 Beak (4)
23 Inspire (4)

SOLUTION TO No 878
ACROSS: 1 Shiver 5 Copy 8 Raven 9 Linctus 11 Illusion 13 Dear 15 Weather-beaten 17 Vice 18 Eligible 21 Scorpio 22 Toxic 23 Byre 24 Finery
DOWN: 2 Hovel 3 Van 4 Roll on, roll off 5 Cony 6 Patient 7 Brainwaves 10 Stringency 12 Soho 14 Berg 16 Anchovy 19 Boxer 20 Apse 22 Tan

The ubiquitous trout

By tradition the trout occupies a position second only to the salmon in the freshwater fisherman's hierarchy. Its gastronomic attractions have until recently been enhanced by the sense of its being a special treat, brought to the table not by everyday commercial production but by the skills and patience of the hunter.

But with the advent of the trout farm, its status has changed. In the last 10 years commercial production has risen from 1,500 tonnes in 1976 to a projected 10,500 tonnes this year, and what was once a luxury has become commonplace in fishmongers' shops and on supermarket counters. So prolific has trout farming become that tourist agencies in Scotland this week claimed that soon not a single loch or river will lack a fish farm of some kind. The commercial advantage is obvious – in the last ten years the price of trout in real terms has dropped from an average of 77p to 56p a pound.

Fish farming worldwide is estimated to be worth some £6,000 million, excluding shellfish such as shrimps and prawns, and is growing at the rate of about 15 per cent a year. In western Europe alone total turnover is put at nearly £450 million.

Arthur Humbert, the new chairman of the British Trout Association, which is only three years old, runs an estate near Romsey, in Hampshire, which includes a couple of miles of the famed River Test.

He built his first ponds in 1972, and now has three farms, two on the Test and one on the nearby Dun. Each depends on a flow of millions of gallons of unpolluted river water. Although "wild" trout thrive in lakes and reservoirs, intensive rearing requires continuous aeration.

The three farms currently produce about 200 tonnes of fish a year, which puts him somewhere near the top of the producers' league. A handful of the largest farms in Britain supply between 500 and 1,000 tonnes each, but the majority, spread from Scotland to south-west England, are small components in mixed enterprises. His trout are Rainbows, a species introduced to Europe from North America in the 1880s and said to be more suited to farming conditions than the native brown trout.

Farms like his consist of pools excavated some distance away from the main river, from which water is diverted, so that there is no interference with the natural migration of wild smolts. Some owners invite visitors to catch their own trout with rod and line, as an alternative to buying from the farm shop.

John Young

SIR BARNES WALLIS

The suggestion on the Monday Page this week that Sir Barnes Wallis designed the ill-fated airship R101 was incorrect. He was responsible for the R100, which successfully crossed the Atlantic.

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Emergency ward Islam

The promise of high salaries has lured many NHS nurses to Saudi Arabia, but as two of them tell Alison Miller, life there for foreign women can be hell



Victims of a veiled society: Phillipa Smith and Therese Brown, whose dreams of a career abroad turned sour

Phillipa Smith is 40. In 1983 she went to work in Saudi Arabia as a staff nurse at a military hospital in Jedda. She wanted the £11,500 salary to pay for her children's private education, but she rapidly discovered that life in the desert kingdom was extremely difficult for European women, and now feels she was exploited by the British nursing agency that sent her.

"At my interview, which was extremely professional, I was given the impression that I was going somewhere quite organized and under control, where they looked after you well. No mention was made about the Saudi-isation of jobs and accommodation, which meant subsequently that we were thrown out of our villas in a sheltered compound and into appalling conditions in a former Sheraton hotel that had been condemned.

"Now called the Al Badr residence, the former hotel is on 16 floors but the first three were inaccessible because they were blocked off for the men to use. The food was terrible — it cost £4 for a meal — and sewage seeped into the restaurant. Of 400 people staying in the building you only ever saw eight or 12 prepared to eat there. "I had a small room with no daylight and mushrooms growing in the wardrobe. Immediately opposite was the room of a Saudi man who just stared into my room all the time. When I complained I was told that no complaints could be made against Saudi nationals of any kind. I had to move.

"At first men friends were allowed to come to our compound. But the agency kept changing the rules. You had to meet them in the foyer, then it was no meeting men in the hotel, you had to meet them outside. Then the agency wouldn't let you be collected outside because the Saudis had been complaining. We were supposed to meet them around the corner — but it was far too dangerous to set foot on the road. Then the agency told us we weren't allowed to stay out overnight unless it was with a married couple. It wasn't as though we were having wild orgies. We simply stayed over for our own security. I found myself becoming a virtual prisoner. When off duty all you could do was sit in your room and smoke. You couldn't cook, do housework or even read an English language paper because the censors would have been at work.

"We weren't told about the high cost of living. It cost 50p for a litre bottle of water, soap was £1, shampoo £3, a very ordinary hamburger over £2. I'd been led to believe that British companies would bail their staff out if they got in a jam. The going rate was £5,000 to £10,000 to get someone out. But two male nurses were sexually abused in prison because they were European and were not rescued; the attitude seemed to be to leave them there to teach the rest of us a lesson.

"Sometimes we had to travel without air conditioning in temperatures of 130°, which meant that once you got to the hospital you had to shower and change again for work.

My nursing officer's attitude was that 'you can make ripples but don't make waves'. My agency gave me no support at all. Their attitude to any problem was always 'if you don't like it, get out'. But that's not so easy. I spent two years and nine months there. I was able to cope only because I had been married and am what you might call seasoned. But people who are still quite fresh, I just don't know how they don't crack up."

> 'I found myself becoming a virtual prisoner'

Therese Brown, who is 32, nursed at Riyadh. She found one of the main difficulties of hospital life was the effect on Arab men of European women in nursing uniform. "I had one patient who touched my breasts. I was appalled at the general Saudi attitude that all Western women were prostitutes. "I worked for a stable international organization and I thought I was in good hands. But I found that I was caught in a mostly uncaring armlock of international money-making.

"In the NHS we nurses are naive and gullible. I didn't go abroad to be able to buy a house. I went because my bed sitting room was costing me £100 a month for a shower and toilet — and my salary in 1983 was £5,000. I have always worked and have not married. I have to run a car. So you can imagine what the sound of an apartment with marble floors and a fully fitted kitchen would have meant to me.

"I didn't know women were not allowed to drive, that it would cost £10 to £12 an hour to hire a car to see anything of the country, that women must always outnumber men in any group, that it would be madness to be unaccompanied anywhere, and that we couldn't even wear Western dress in the compound. There was no dancing, no stopping to help if you saw an accident for fear that you might get caught up and land in jail. Some nurses had not been paid for six months and were trapped — some even tried to commit suicide."

Dos and don'ts for nurses who want to work abroad

There is some hope that such stories as Phillipa's and Therese's will not recur. The Royal College of Nursing is revising its advice, bringing members (£45 a year) more up to date with current working conditions in Saudi Arabia.

The country, which was until recently the most popular foreign employer for British health workers, has lost its attraction not simply because of an increased sense of restriction among nurses but because currency movements are now having an adverse effect on the value of salaries paid to foreigners. The Saudi Government has also introduced taxes on what were previously understood to be tax-free earnings.

Where once a staff nurse picked up £11,500 compared with about £4,000 in the health service, and could benefit by sometimes as much as 100 per cent from favourable currency fluctuations, today the gap between British and Saudi salaries has considerably narrowed.



Hi-tech in a Riyadh hospital, but nursing morale can be low

Shelagh Murphy, head of the Royal College's international division, emphasizes that many nurses are unprepared for the great cultural and social differences in a Muslim country. In practical terms it means no driving, no one-to-one dates, single sex compounds and in certain cases sexual harassment. It is not considered a suitable job for nurses under 25, particularly in view of the difficulty of resuming a career in Britain, at an appropriate level, because of staffing cuts.

The advice of the Royal College to nurses who do decide to go is: "Don't discuss religion, step on a prayer rug, speak to Arab women unless you have been introduced, show the soles of your feet, point a finger, write or say anything derogatory about the country's religion, people or customs."

Shelagh Murphy is trying to persuade the Saudi Embassy in London to give more information to nurses before they accept jobs. She wants applicants to be interviewed by nurses who know the hospitals, and more information to be given about what will be expected of them, and what they might expect in terms of accommodation and recreational facilities before depature.

But her efforts to bridge the gap between the demands of European nurses to know what they are letting themselves in for and the Saudis' traditional approach may be too late for that country's reputation as an employer. A quick survey of nursing agencies last week indicated that Saudi Arabia is going out of fashion; most British nurses seeking a career abroad are looking to Australia.

Pen friends: a novel twist to the success story

Shirley Lowe tells how she teamed up with fellow Fleet Street journalist Angela Ince to write a possible best-seller

The question everyone asks is: "But how can two people write one novel?" The answer is easy. They write 40,000 words each. The difficult part was selling the idea of two names on the cover. "Oh, we won't be able to publicize that", said the experts. "Nobody is interested in a book by two writers."

What they meant, we later discovered, is that publishers believe it is impossible for two women to write a book together without coming to blows or litigation. A kindly telephone call from a famous woman novelist who had tried it herself urged us to call in our lawyers and get our individual rights legally defined before we put fingers to typewriter.

We didn't bother. We had agreed to do half the work each, take half the money each, and we certainly didn't intend sharing those rewards with a lawyer. And here we are with our first novel due out tomorrow, another commissioned and on the way, and we are still speaking.

There were a few cool silences and frank exchanges on the way and this was mainly to do with our different methods of working. I noisily consign 12 typewritten pages to the waste paper basket for every one that works. Angela sorts out whole chapters in her subconscious before committing anything to paper. While she is doing this she settles on the floor, in front of a fire, with *The Times* crossword and endless cups of coffee and, as I'm typing furiously, interrupts with: "Largest flying mammal in five letters with an M in the middle? Oh, I know. Jumbo."

On one memorable occasion she yawned and said: "I'm going upstairs to have a rest now. Wake me up in time for the Budget on television." I could have killed her. In fact, as I was dropping off to sleep around midnight, I could hear Angela revving up the typewriter and on the following morning found that she had achieved the same number of words as I'd produced all day.

Luckily we worked in the same place only for the last week, as we knitted up the plot. For the six months it took to write the book we stayed prudently apart at opposite ends of London, occasionally getting on the telephone to check if the plot was still on course. This proved vital as, at one point, Angela killed off a character in chapter two that I had doing something important in chapter 10.

We acted as each other's editors, she taking out my punctuation and rude words, me slotting semi-colons into her long sentences. Those were the silent moments and if we spoke at all it was with cool politeness.

The advantage of working together, though, was that whenever I felt I couldn't write another sentence or motivate a character or come to a neat conclusion, Angela did it for me, and vice versa. "Oh, you are clever", we kept saying to each other, which is more than your average editor says when you hand in a newspaper article.

Miraculously the seams didn't show, perhaps because Angela and I have been friends for so long that we're inclined to finish each other's sentences like an old married couple, anyway.

Our agent and our publisher both swore they couldn't tell who had written what and it was very satisfying to be 'phoned by a friend saying: "I know you wrote that marvellous bit about the dinner party. It was so funny. I could just hear you saying it." "Thank you", I said modestly. And, of course, Angela had written it.

The book is about a woman journalist who manipulates her way to the top. It suggests, a shade heretically, that not all working wives and mothers are exhausted saints; that some of them are every bit as slothful as the old-fashioned heroine who used to lounge on a chaise longue eating chocolates while other people did her work for her. The only difference is that our heroine eats expense account lunches instead.

Some honest ex-colleagues recognized themselves. "I went quite pink", one of them said.

We didn't plan it that way. We didn't plan it at all. We just decided to write a book together and started by making a list of the books we didn't want to write. We didn't want to write an epic, the kind that starts in Silesia in 1840 and ends in New York four generations later. We didn't want to write a steaming sex saga. Our characters spend more time slaking their appetites in restaurants than in beds.

We wanted to write a funny, truthful book about now; the sort that American women novelists do so well but that rarely appear with an English accent. It turned out that we'd written "a deliciously witty satire on life in the fast lane" as a publisher put it. We were pleased with that.

Writing a novel is, we always hear, a lonely occupation. Doing it with someone else may have its irritations ("Oh, all right. I'll take out that feeble joke on page 173") but it certainly isn't lonely. A co-writer is happy to discuss plot and characterization in detail and throw in helpful advice. A co-writer is as fascinated by what you've just written as you are yourself. More. She begs you to read it out loud and, when you've finished, says gratefully: "Oh, that's wonderful", because she knows it's another 1,000 words she won't have to write.

Losing Control, *by Shirley Lowe and Angela Ince, is published tomorrow by Macdonald at £8.95.*

David Bailey



Shoulder to shoulder: publishing partners Angela Ince (left) and Shirley Lowe

Sweet crumbs of comfort for the doctor's dilemma

THE TIMES COOK

SHONA CRAWFORD POOLE

Of puddings and such, Doctor William Kitchener, whose best selling *Cook's Oracle* was published in 1804, is said to have said "It is true, that your mere cook and no gentleman, underrates confectionery as an edulcorated bauble; but let me ask if any dinner is complete as to three fifths of its propriety, without the supervention of that delightful art?"

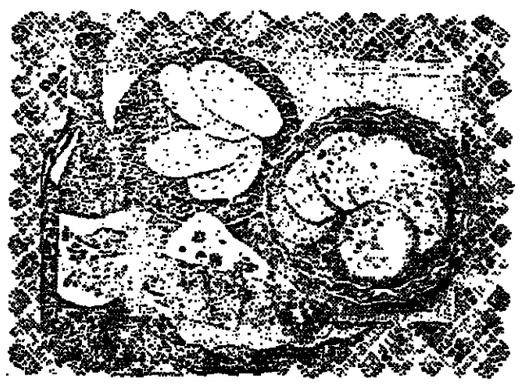
"Gunter, my friend", said the good doctor, "for the benefit of mankind, you ought to write a book on confectionery as a companion to mine on the art of cooking". William Gunter needed no more encouragement, and in 1830 the frontispiece of *Gunter's Confectioner's Oracle* announced "recipes for desserts on the most economical plan for private families and all founded on the actual experiments of thirty years".

Cakes and ices had been the foundation stone of the family fortunes laid at the sign of the *Pot and the Pineapple* in Berkeley Square in 1786. Queen Victoria's wedding and jubilee cakes were conspicuous commissions. In this century it was to Gunter's tea shops that lucky schoolboys were taken for that last tea of the holidays.

But the teashops closed in the 1950s and the once grand firm of Gunter's faded from public view.

With a takeover came revival, and to celebrate the bicentenary, Payne & Gunter, now based at British Grove, London W4 2NL, has added to its other services (hospitality catering at sporting events such as Henley Royal Regatta) a series of five banquets, each with a historical theme and menu of dishes current in the era celebrated.

In the heyday of the teashops, Gunter's brown bread ice cream was famous, but that recipe, like many of the firm's records and memorabilia, has been lost. William Gunter's ices usually began with 13 egg yolks and one and three quarter pints of cream. This modern brown bread ice cream is easy and rich. It needs no stirring as it freezes. The candied crumbs are a kind of poor man's praline, very good in its own right.



Brown bread ice cream
Serves four

55g (2oz) fresh wholemeal breadcrumbs
110g (4oz) sugar
300ml (½pt) double cream
1 tablespoon brandy

Robust, crumbly wholemeal bread is the best kind to use for this recipe. Spread the crumbs on a tray and toast or bake them until they are crisp and brown. Eight to 10 minutes in a moderately hot oven (200°C/400°F, gas mark 6) is about right.

Put the sugar in a pan with six tablespoons of water and heat slowly until the sugar has dissolved completely. Boil the syrup to a light caramel then stir in the toasted crumbs. Quickly turn the mixture on to an oiled surface and cool.

Finely crush and sieve the candied crumbs using a coffee grinder or pestle and mortar. Whisk the cream until it holds soft peaks then fold in the brandy and crumb mixture.

Turn the cream into a flat plastic box or metal freezer tray, cover and freeze the ice without stirring until it is firm.

In addition to *The Confectioner's Oracle* which he wrote for publication, William Gunter also kept a notebook of recipes for his own use. It contains the only formula I have seen for Thin Captains, very plain biscuits to serve with cheese which went out of commercial production about ten years ago.

His notes are decidedly scanty "3lb flour, rub in 3oz butter, make your bay, put in ½lb arrowroot, put water." He does not mention salt, a little of which is essential, size or baking times. Followed exactly, William Gunter's Thin Captains are *very* plain crackers indeed. A little more fat makes a much more acceptable biscuit.

Thin Captains
Makes about 24

225g (8oz) plain flour
½tsp salt
55g (2oz) butter, chilled
40g (1½oz) arrowroot
6-8 tablespoons cold water to mix

Sift the flour and salt into a bowl, add the diced butter and rub in with the fingertips until the mixture resembles fine breadcrumbs.

Make a well in the centre, and add the arrowroot. Gradually add cold water, stirring it in with a knife to form a firm dough. Gather the dough into a ball, knead it lightly, and transfer it to a lightly floured surface.

Allow the dough to rest, covered, for about 10 minutes, then roll the dough out thinly to a thickness of 3mm (⅛inch) or less and prick it all over with a fork. Use a 9cm (3½inch) round cutter to stamp out the biscuits and transfer them to a lightly buttered baking sheet.

Bake the crackers in a preheated moderate oven (180°C/350°F, gas mark 4) for about 20 minutes, or until they are lightly coloured. Cool the Thin Captains on a wire rack and store in an airtight container.

On the same page of William Gunter's notebook is a recipe for Abernethy Biscuits, named after Dr John Abernethy, chief surgeon St Bartholomew's Hospital in London. He is said to have been in the habit of ordering ordinary captain's biscuits when lunching near the hospital at a baker's shop run by John Caldwell. One day the great surgeon suggested adding sugar and caraway seeds, John Caldwell obliged and called the result Abernethy biscuits. This is F. Marian McNeill's version of the story and of the biscuits which go well with cheese. They are also excellent made with wholewheat flour.

Abernethy biscuits
Makes about 24

225g (8oz) plain flour
85g (3oz) chilled butter
35g (3oz) sugar
½tsp baking powder
Up to a teaspoon caraway seeds
1 egg
3-4 tablespoons milk

Rub the butter into the flour; add the sugar, baking powder and caraway seeds. Beat an egg well, and pour it into the dry ingredients with milk.

Mix thoroughly, and turn the paste on to a floured board. Roll out thinly, cut into rounds, place on a greased baking tin and bake in a preheated moderate oven (180°C/350°F, gas mark 4). The biscuits will be lightly coloured after 15 to 20 minutes, and will crisp as they cool on a wire rack.



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Paper bag writer

A year after Arthur Scargill admitted defeat,the normally retiring National Coal Board chairman Ian MacGregor is to write his memoirs — for more than £100,000. Most of it will, I understand, concern the dispute: his relations with government ministers, the disputes with NCB men Ned Smith and Michael Eaton, and the use of tactics learned during his years in America. Clearly not naturally a man of words, MacGregor has picked journalist Rod Tyler to ghost the work. " I did a couple of interviews with him during the strike which he quite liked, and then met him again last year almost by accident," Tyler tells me. In an auction yesterday morning, no fewer than four publishing houses stayed in the bidding as the price soared into six figures. The prize was finally wrested by Collins. By lunchtime, however, MacGregor was back to his old ways: refusing to comment on his windfall.

Dialling Dalyell

Junior Foreign Office minister Tim Eggar may now have condescended to invite the visiting Argentine politicians for a chat but the delegation, I'm told, is far keener on meeting a humble Labour backbencher. Tam Dalyell, apparently, is about a million times better known in Buenos Aires than either Eggar or his boss, Baroness Young, the minister who holds the Argentine brief but is keeping aloof from Eggar's olive branch.

Down under pat

Meanwhile, I hereby appoint Tim Eggar minister for Elegant Variation for the way he moved the the Australia Bill this month. Opposition MPs noticed that his speech bore an uncanny resemblance to that of Baroness Young in the Lords two weeks before. "Relations between Australia and the United Kingdom are of the greatest importance," began Lady Young; "Our relations with Australia are of the greatest importance to this country," opened Eggar. And so he continued, copying Lady Young verbatim at the end for 60 words. The Foreign Office yesterday saw nothing funny in all this. "Is there a law against it or something?" asked a spokesman.

● **Latest Tory wet argot for MrsThatcher: Mama Doc. And her press secretary Bernard Ingham? Head of the Tonton Macoutes, of course.**

Crisis

Forget Westland: the Government could soon grind to a halt for a far more serious reason. Because of spending cuts Treasury civil servants no longer have messengers to serve them tea and, like lesser mortals, are having to make do with machine char

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Parents will be interested to know that London teachers taking part in industrial action have yet to lose a single penny from their pay packets. Although some inner London teachers have been away for a total of a month since last September, and despite keeping meticulous notes of who goes on strike and when, the Inner London Education Authority continues to pay salaries in full. There is, in fact, no legal obligation on ILEA to dock striking teachers' pay. "If that's what the ILEA is choosing to do to teachers who disrupt the system, it's up to them," said an official at the Education Department. ILEA, meanwhile, is responding true to form by setting up a special unit

BARRY FANTONI



'We're thinking of holding an event for British actors out of work'

Rhodes lobby

Dismayed by the Cabinet shift of balance to the wets after the recent resignations, Tory right-wingers are mounting a vigorous action to prevent the distinctly damp Chris Patten succeeding Sir Keith Joseph, who is expected to stand down as Education Secretary when the teachers' pay strike is settled. At a meeting of the hardline Black Hand group of MPs, it was decided that former headmaster Rhodes Boyson should be pushed for the job (a hint promptly taken up by Boyson himself at the weekend). The campaign got under way at PM's Question Time when Liberal Clement Freud urged that Joseph be replaced; several Black Handers on the backbenches responded by quietly chanting Boyson's name.

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Tax: don't pick on petrol

by Sarah Hogg

Siren voices have suggested that Nigel Lawson should recoup his lost oil revenue by pumping up petrol tax. This is a temptation he should resist.

A fall in oil prices transfers resources from the Exchequer to consumers. It is argued, therefore, that Lawson should claw back a little rather than trim his plans for income tax cuts. The temptation is strong, because a little more petrol tax yields a lot of revenue.

Every penny on the price of a gallon brings in £55 million a year; add 1p on diesel fuel, Derv, and the yield rises to £70 million. A modest 5p rise in petrol duty, in line with general inflation, is already built into the Treasury's calculations of a "neutral" Budget. Suppose, instead, that petrol tax were to be increased by 20p, with an equivalent rise in Derv; that would yield the Chancellor rather more than an extra £1 billion. That would be enough to finance a £150 rise in all the main income tax allowances, or shave 1p off the basic rate of income tax.

But this argument does not bear close investigation. Lawson's purpose in cutting taxes is, after all, simply to hand back purchasing power to private individuals. That is an aim that could naturally be achieved by a fall in energy costs, without the intervention of government. Admittedly, the Chancellor wants to cut income tax, while a fall in oil prices is more like a cut in spending taxes. But if he is truly bothered about the balance between the two types of taxation he could finance lower income taxes by raising spending taxes across the board. He could raise £675 million (or nearly £1 billion in a full year) simply by adding 1 per cent to VAT.

This is an unlikely option because it would plainly add to prices, slowing the fall in inflation. So, however, would an increase in petrol tax, which would prevent the full benefits of lower energy costs feeding through to the retail price index.

But the Chancellor is actually being encouraged to slow the fall in oil prices for fear that it will turn us back into gas-guzzlers when we have barely learnt the meaning of energy conservation. Oil prices may well bounce back as stocks are run down; official forecasts anyway assume they will rise in the next decade. A "conservation tax" levy on petrol would meanwhile keep us on the straight and narrow path of energy-saving.

This argument, however, fits singularly ill with the government's philosophy. The theme of Lawson's own rhetoric is that governments are not very good at these kind of forecasts and should certainly not manipulate markets on the strength of them. If he were to change his tune, he would face some awkward questions. If governments should intervene to fix the price of energy, why not other prices? Why not wages, for that matter?

In the end, the argument boils down to the sneaking hope that there just might be a free political lunch to be extracted from the oil markets. Since the fall in the price of crude has not yet fed through to retail prices, the Chancellor might be able to raid the petrol user and still be thanked for returning the loot in income tax cuts.

Even this overtly political argument is naive. A sharp rise in petrol tax would give oil companies the perfect excuse to slow the fall in petrol prices, or even conspire to put them up again, so that the government would earn the discredit for far more than it imposed in extra taxes. Today's House of Commons is not in a mood to turn a blind eye to government sleight-of-hand. Nor is it sufficiently keen on income tax cuts to appreciate the swap of dearer petrol for higher take-home pay.

Finally, such a Budget measure would display a quite unnecessary impatience. The strangest quirk of fate is that lower oil prices, while leaving the Chancellor short of largesse to distribute in 1986, actually enlarges his opportunity to cut tax the following year. And that, after all, will be much closer to the next general election.

Diana Geddes outlines the foreign policy split that could follow the March elections

Can a double act speak for France?



Paris

With the general election only a month away, one particular question is exercising French minds: who will be responsible for foreign policy if, as the opinion polls firmly predict, victory goes to the right?

For the past 27 years it has always been the president who has spoken for France at international summits. Will France be represented in future both by the new right-wing prime minister and the present Socialist president, who will still have two years to serve? Is it possible for a country to retain its credibility abroad if it speaks with two, possibly discordant, voices?

Under the constitution of the Fifth Republic, the division of responsibility for foreign policy and the closely related field of defence is not clear. The president is described as "the guarantor of national independence and territorial integrity" and commander-in-chief of the armed forces. But it is the prime minister who is "responsible for defence". The president negotiates and ratifies international treaties, but the prime minister's counter-signature is also necessary for ratification. The president accredits ambassadors and foreign envoys, but the prime minister's counter-signature is required.

François Mitterrand has always had a passion for foreign policy. As a young deputy in the 1950s he talked ardently about the construction of Europe and the importance of creating a Paris-Bonn axis. As leader of the Socialist Party in opposition he toured the world, meeting foreign leaders. When he achieved power in 1981 he was already well known internationally.

Shortly before the 1974 presidential election he is reported to have said: "If elected, Giscard will be capable of grand acts. If I am elected, I will change the course of things and the life of the men of my time." Now, more than ever, that is important for him.

Significantly, Mitterrand has just published a collection of 25 of his speeches on foreign affairs over the past five years, preceded by a 135-page introduction. It is an elegant and enlightening *tour d'horizon* of the world scene in which his total domination of French foreign policy clearly emerges without ever needing to be explicitly stated.

Commenting on the book, Jacques Amalric, diplomatic correspondent of *Le Monde*, wrote earlier this month: "Like de Gaulle, Mitterrand wants to give us the image of a man alone, infallible, united to the 'sovereign people' . . . it is the tone of the text, much more than the content, which is without surprises, which will make people grind their teeth.

"All the ingredients of Mitterrandian 'voluntarism' are there; the good and the bad; the balance between arrogance and condescension; the total rejection of any doubt; the multiplicity of well-turned phrases; the bombast tempered by an art of exposition and pedagogy, rarely encountered in writings on so dry a subject; the carefully premeditated provocations, and also the strong convictions."

In the opening sentences of the book, Mitterrand sets out the "few simple ideas" around which he considers French foreign policy to be organized and which he believes to have majority support: national independence; a world balance of military forces; the construction of Europe; the right of peoples to self-determination; Third World development. Through the pages comes a deep love of France marked by an overriding concern with its greatness and independence.

There is little with which his opponents could legitimately quarrel, but with an election imminent the two main opposition parties, the Gaullist RPR and the centre-right UDF, lambast the Socialists for "ideological prejudices and a multiplicity of disorganized initiatives (which) have contributed to the removal of our country from the international scene and to the undermining of its moral authority."

The government is also accused of having "broken the defence effort with the following results: uncertain developments in the nuclear field; a disorganized and worried army; a question mark over the future of the navy; and an inadequate air force".

But opposition policies look remarkably similar to what the Socialists are proposing: strengthening the domestic economy in order to strengthen France's position abroad; the defence of individual liberties and human rights; close relations with the US within the Atlantic alliance; vigilance and firmness toward Moscow; the construction of a strong Europe based on the Franco-German partnership; strengthening France's nuclear deterrent, and modernizing its conventional forces.

The main point of disagreement is over French participation in the American strategic defence initiative — "Star Wars". Mitterrand devotes a large chunk (16 pages) of the introduction to his book to anexplanation of Socialist antipathy to the project, arguing that while it was unlikely to strengthen either French or European security in the foreseeable future, it was certain to provoke a new arms race and inbalance of forces.

The French right is firmly in favour of French participation. Jacques Chirac, the RPR leader, said recently that he was "deeply shocked at the government's irresponsible attitude towards SDI." SDI would go ahead whether France liked it or not; the only question was whether France would remain on the sidelines or take part. It is not clear, however, what form of participation the opposition envisages.

Meanwhile the present government appears to have softened its position by coming out in favour of individual French companies taking part in SDI research. So here again, a head-on clash between a new right-wing government and President Mitterrand could be avoided. Much will depend on the willingness of both sides to come to an amicable understanding in the interests of a peaceful "cohabitation".

The constitution leaves one trump card, in the form of a decree of 1964 which gives the president sole control over France's nuclear deterrent. Obviously, it is argued, that control would be rendered meaningless unless the president also had responsibility for the decisions related to its use in the field of foreign and defence policy, particularly East-West relations.

But by no means everyone agrees. Ex-president Giscard d'Estaing, for example, argues that, faced with a hostile majority in parliament during an international crisis that appeared to warrant the use of nuclear weapons, the president would be deprived of virtually all powers save that of dissolving parliament and pressing the button.

Although the opinion polls continue to show a solid majority intending to vote for the right, they also show a smaller majority believing that the centre of power should remain with the president, and not the prime minister, in the event of a right-wing victory.

"France is still basically a kingdom," a former French foreign minister explained. "People tend to forget that this country has been a republic for only just over 100 years. All the people's gut reactions are royalist. The president is king, and the French would hate to behead a king. Even if they do not like him, he remains the king until he goes away. They will not want their king to be humiliated by being stripped of all power."

If Chirac, who is considered most likely to be the next prime minister, wishes to avoid a constitutional clash, he would probably be wise to leave the broad sweep of foreign affairs to Mitterrand. If, on the other hand, Mitterrand also wishes to avoid a clash, he would do well to avoid taking controversial unilateral decisions such as welcoming General Jaruselski of Poland to the Elysée Palace last year without even bothering to discuss the visit with his prime minister.

The two men must be seen to be working with the full confidence and trust of the other, otherwise France's voice abroad can only be weakened.

Making Britain aware of its warts

As I came away from *New Society*'s offices on my last day as editor, it was like going out into the Third World. Westminster City Council's pavements were broken. In Leicester Square the expensive cast-iron repro bollards only show up the squalor of their surroundings.

In the Underground, refugees from down-and-out hostels and mental hospitals lie around. At the foot of the escalator a man with a broken nose and a bruised face sits cross-legged, begging. On the platform we wait 25 minutes for a train — there has been a signals failure. When I reach my stop the lifts are out of order. Of course.

Is this the "new society" people had in mind when the magazine was founded almost a quarter century ago in 1962? In the later 1950s Professor J. K. Galbraith had been deriding a world of private affluence and public squalor. Everyone in the West is now better off than when he wrote. Yet where there were "slums", now there is "inner city". The search for euphemism is constant.

So is the discrepancy between rich and poor. And, more complex, there is the discrepancy between the double-glazed lounge with its television and the streets full of litter or the parks spotted with dog excrement.

The hardest thing, always, is to grasp what is actually going on in the world around us. Most of the time we live in a muddle of hope and fear, dream and nostalgia. Over the years *New Society* tried to cut through that to the social reality. We always had the stance of an outsider.

To keep a distance has been useful. We avoided political and literary gossip (leaving that to the older weeklies). In particular we were not caught up in the system of lobby briefings — now so vividly conducted by my near-contemporary at Hebden Bridge Grammar School, Bernard Ingham.

In 1976 an unexpected guest came into the editorial office, carrying copies of cabinet minutes. They revealed how the then Labour government was thinking of ratting on its commitment to bring in child benefit. Frank Field wrote the story; we published it. The commitment was honoured.

It was one of the first skirmishes in the battle for a Freedom of Information Act: the current draft bill derives from a study group set up after our leak. But as a distinguished lobby correspondent told me afterwards, he would never have been able to touch the story himself. It would have put his lobby briefings at risk.

A magazine stands or falls by its information and its writers. We established a network of academics who could weld together research and observation about current problems. Coruscating alongside these were such contributors as Angela Carter, John Berger, Colin MacInnes. We gave E. P. Thompson a platform when he was denied one elsewhere. Our critics — Peter Fuller on painting, Michael Wood on the cinema, John Lahr on the theatre — always saw that the arts could not be separated from society.

Much has changed in that society since the magazine was launched, as a very risky venture, by Timothy Raison and his father. Radical but humane; hopeful but rational: have these become adjectives now impossible to cling to? At many times in the past two decades we have heard almost nothing but the sound of rival dogmas clashing like the armies of the night. An Orwellian sense of decency among ordinary people remains, however.

This is what we have to cling to, rather than the militancies of the party theologians. All the virtues are nonconformist ones. The big question now is how to shift that sense of decency into the public world. It cannot just remain closeted in the private world of family and friends.

In our schools, teachers have bickered for a year over their pay. Almost all our public services are unspeakably grubby. Officials bide their time during the day to nip off to do their second job.The British think of themselves increasingly as consumers rather than producers; we are far, far better at retailing than making ships.

Privatization is a political and financial ploy built on this perception. It creates so little public stir because hardly anyone now says, "who shall British Gas belong to?". They ask "what has British Gas (or British Telecom) ever done for *me*?"

We need to know *ourselves*, if we are ever to know what to do next. The present government has often seen the massaging, or even non-collection, of statistics as one way to dodge hazards. Yet there is never a case for ignorance. As *New Society* has always tried to do, we must attempt to look at the world again through untinted spectacles.

Paul Barker

The author was editor of New Society *from 1968.*

Roger Liddle

The true face of Fulham

The press had already christened Fulham the "yuppie" by-election well before I was told that I had been selected as the prospective SDP/Liberal Alliance candidate. So the first few hours enjoying my new-found status were spent worrying about what exactly a yuppie was, and whether, by any stretch of the imagination, I so qualified.

Should we invite American senator Gary Hart — remember, he was the yuppie Democrat seeking the 1984 presidential election — to come over for the campaign? He might offer a definitive description of this elusive being and perhaps I could borrow a few of his "new ideas" which are supposed to have such election-winning appeal to the yuppie class. But that would be carrying my love of America to extremes.

So, in search of the mysterious common identity, I rifled my drawers for the odd Liberty tie. Also I remembered that, unlike the last campaign I fought, a downbeat Euro election in British Leyland-dominated Oxford, our Volkswagen GTI might come in handy. Then I paused for breath in all the excitement, and it suddenly struck me that the "yuppie" analysis had got Fulham completely wrong.

The key to the result in Fulham is not whether the Alliance can win over substantial numbers of middle-class voters from the Conservatives. I only had to knock on about six doors in a smart street near Parsons Green before I concluded that there will be little difficulty in that direction. People are worried about whether the present government approach has struck the right balance. There is increasing concern about the dangers of a sharp swing to a far-left Labour government as the era of Thatcherism draws to a close and our voting system remains unreformed.

The big battle at Fulham is over how many votes the Alliance can win from Labour on the council estates which comprise more than a third of the constituency. This is the key to an Alliance victory. If Labour can consolidate its traditional support, that might be enough to ensure its victory. Imagine my delight, therefore, when I discovered that as in Lambeth, the Labour vote, far from consolidating, is ripe for picking.

Fulham was once a strong Labour area. Part of the present constituency was represented continuously from 1945 to 1979 by Michael Stewart, Labour's foreign secretary in the 1960s. In a settled working-class community memories of such distinguished service take time to fade.

One of the largest housing estates is called the Clem Attlee, with each block named after various members of post-war Labour cabinets. I brushed a tear from my eye as I had my photograph taken outside Hugh Gaitskell House. I have already repeated to sympathetic listeners on the doorstep hundreds of times over that Labour is no longer the party of Attlee, Jim Callaghan and Denis Healey but the party of Ted Knight, Arthur Scargill and Bernie Grant.

Some time ago part of the old Barons Court constituency was amalgamated with Fulham. Barons Court was a fiercely-contested, two-party marginal. The Margravine ward surrounding the new Charing Cross Hospital once boasted 1,000 Labour party members. Now, I am authoritatively told, there are 59.

On the housing estates loyalty to Labour is only skindeep. Many turned to Mrs Thatcher in 1979 and again in 1983, but the "broken promises" and the view that the government is "all over the place" often leads on to the promise that "we're going to give you lot a go this time".

Among the majority who stayed Labour in the two previous elections, the commitment to Kinnock and his colleagues is as firm as a jellyfish — Labour out of habit, not enthusiasm and conviction, with many promises to think seriously about voting SDP when the time comes. The common refrain is "Labour's not as strong as it used to be" and I have been told scores of times that Labour spends all its time and energy fighting within itself and not the government.

Working people are beginning to understand that Labour is not offering them the representation they deserve. In Parliament it is ineffective; and most trade unions cannot face the future boldly because their leaders are unrepresentative and unimaginative.

Readers may well ask: if there is such deep unease with Labour as I say, why is it still seriously in contention? Why isn't the Alliance riding high at over 40 per cent in the national polls and Labour down in the twenties? The answer is that the working-class districts of Fulham are typical of much of the country. To the Alliance they are virtually virgin territory.

David Owen and David Steel make an impact on television, but, except where small bands of dedicated activists have pursued "community politics" with religious fervour, the Alliance has not hitherto been seen as a real choice. Without a big effort it is difficult in normal political circumstances to break through the established Labour networks of local councillors, tenants associations and community centres which often set the tone, especially where this creaking machinery is greased by generous grants from the GLC and other left-wing councils. Labour in London today depends in about equal proportions on Tammany Hall and Trotsky.

By-elections give us a unique opportunity to get our message across. Hundreds of Alliance workers flooding in removes the handicaps we normally face in winning working-class support. Come to Fulham and see the Labour vote crumble.

moreover . . . Miles Kington

Treasure trove of trivia

Fact: Mrs Jeeraswami's hot curry essence (of Madras Ltd) is the strongest known sauce in the world. One drop placed in the River Ganges can kill swimmers up to 50 miles away.

Fact: A Belgian genealogist calculated in 1905 that if Queen Victoria had lived another nine years, everyone in Europe would have been descended from her.

Fact: The Sumatran marsh bunting is the only bird in the world known to cough — and always puts its wing in front of its beak as it does so.

Fact: No American president has ever been assassinated before being sworn in.

All these facts, and 49,000,000 more like them, are to be found in a new 29-volume work, the *Encyclopaedia Fantastica*. The first reference work in the world devoted entirely to useless knowledge, it is being published simultaneously by Moreover Publications as a hardback, a floppy disk and a board game.

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This is the first ever encyclopaedia which is also a game. Plug it into your office memory bank and you can then play any other office in the world, in the middle of the night if necessary, because the encyclopaedia not only answers the questions, it also sets them! No humans need be involved at all.

Fact: The reason that communism is now doing so badly in Chad is that Gorbachov is an obscene word in a local dialect.

Fact: More than 99 per cent of the Valentine messages printed in newspapers are not read by the people for whom they are intended, only by outsiders.

Fact: In 1947 Sidney Schwanz of Kansas City swam from one end of the Panama Canal to the other, thus becoming (a) the first man to swim several hundred yards uphill, and (b) the first man to cross a continent wearing only underpants.

Fact: More than 4,000 sheep in New Zealand had sex change operations last year, but only two chose to become rams; the rest opted to become ewes, probably a reaction to New Zealand's heavily male-dominated society.

There are 48,999,996 similar facts in the *Encyclopaedia Fantastica*, the new bible of uselessness. The entire work has been sifted by computer to get rid of useful facts which might have strayed in. There was an entry, for example, recording that in the Pacific Islands Telephone Directory there are 12 people named Philips Screwdriver. We thought that might be useful to somebody, so we reluctantly knocked it out.

"This monument of irrelevance could in fact be very useful," opines Lord Moreover. "After all, the power struggle between Guinness and Argyll could easily have been settled cheaply if they had just sat down and played a game of Fantastica, winner to take Distillers. It's as sensible as any other method devised to govern takeovers. And if cabinet meetings were devoted to sessions of Fantastica, we wouldn't have had all this Westland nonsense."

Fact: The most delinquent fish in the world is the Bubble Gum Bass of Australia. It hangs around on coral reef corners, beating up larger fish and vandalizing atoll growth.

Fact: The British national anthem is believed to be the only one which does not mention the name of the nation involved.

Fact: When Marilyn Monroe died, she left behind an unfinished film which was so unfinished that she was not in it.

Fact: The *Encyclopaedia Fantastica* is on sale now, at only £1,000 until March 31. After that it will go up to its normal price of £15,000. Get it now while you can. Sorry, no credit cards.

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It is now more than three weeks since *The Times* moved from the lawyer-dominated world of the Gray's Inn Road to the docklands site of some of the capital's newest high technology industries. During that time the transformation in the newspaper's production would not have disgraced the most adventurous of our new neighbours; sadly, however, our old neighbours are ever more with us.

It is regrettable that the work of lawyers is required simply to ensure that those who want to buy *The Times* are not thwarted. But when the obstacles between the paper and its readers include darts, drill bits and blackened golf balls as well as illegal attempts to threaten customers and suppliers it should surprise noone that the force of law is our first defence.

The move to Wapping has been a controversial one. It has been welcomed by those who see it as a vindication of the government's stance towards trade unions. It has been welcomed by those who see a sign that the industrial climate in Britain is improving. The criticism has come - no less predictably - from commercial opponents who fear trade unions, from those who support trade unions whatever they do, and those who rely on them for financial and political support. The debate has been carried on everywhere at a distractingly high volume.

Amid the noise of the battle it has become a commonplace to call the newspaper industry a microcosm of Britain's industrial disease. With its long record of indifferent management, almighty unions, "spanish practices", over-manning and financial under-performance, it seems the obvious candidate. Add in the glamour of a paper's political influence and the seemingly outrageous tendency of its writers to lecture the country about its economic ills and the candidate is elected effortlessly to the position of "typical industrial problem".

From such a starting point it has become easy for critics to argue in recent days that because in the Wapping dispute so seemingly moderate a trade union leader as Miss Brenda Dean has been met with barbed wire barricades, has lost control of her union funds and can do little to garner fellow trade unionists' support for her case, that somehow the whole balance of trade union law is unsatisfactory and should be changed. This view is held not only by Labour leaders who see a chance that the strong popular support for the government's trade union laws could be eroded but by opportunist Conservatives, keen to clip the prime minister's wings in every possible way.

It is a wrong view. It is based on faulty premises as well as high emotion. As important as any requirement of *The Times* in this dispute is the need that it should be repudiated.

The newspaper business represents an exaggerated picture of Britain's industrial ills, not a typical one. Other industries have been run as proprietorial playthings but not to the extent that newspapers have. Other industries have encouraged grotesque wages and conditions in order to damage their competitors but not on the scale practised in Fleet Street. In other industries agreements by unions have been signed one day and disowned the next but not with the consistency, malevolence and bald bravura that the print union chapels have displayed for so many years.

In those other industries such a record would have caused - and indeed it has caused - the loss of jobs on a massive scale. In most cases after damaging strike action workers have been allowed to return to their jobs. But the triumphant return was often an illusory one. The jobs appeared to be there to come back to. In fact, the employers' markets had been lost to foreign competition. Consequently the jobs were lost too but the connection between strikes and job losses remained resolutely unmade.

The newspaper industry was, of course, immune from direct international competition. *Le Monde*, whatever its merits, was no substitute for *The Times*. But there remained the disproportionate wages that the workers had won; also the exaggerated loyalty that the members felt to their chapel officers and the minimum loyalty they felt to their real employers. Thus grew the fatalism in the minds of newspaper managers.

As long as there was no alternative place to print a national newspaper and no guarantee that the operation of an alternative site could not be blacked by secondary action against distributors and suppliers, there was nothing that could be done. Only when there was such a site and such a guarantee, was there the prospect of change.

The jobs of the printworkers whose representatives and political supporters are hurling daily abuse (and recently more lethal missives) outside the Wapping plant have been lost in precisely the same way as those of their union colleagues in the British colour printing industry which for years seeped slowly to Amsterdam and Singapore. The difference is that they disappeared all at once. The fiction that after a strike there was always a job to come back to was revealed as just that - a fiction.

The casual observer could be forgiven, of course, for thinking that this revelation was made in rather a brutal way. For those print workers whose families were entirely dependent on their wages from News International it was indeed traumatic. Even for some of the employees who kept their jobs it was a disturbing experience.

But what appeared to the public as a swift and clinically executed operation had been recognised as an option by the print union leaders for some time. Brenda Dean complains that her union has been "legally mugged". But it should be remembered that six days before she and her colleagues led their members out on strike they had seen the first product of the Wapping print plant, a special supplement of *The Sunday Times*; and they had seen it successfully distributed to its readers. The ballot papers issued to her members contained the warning that a strike would be a breach of each individual's contract of employment. And still the leaders launched the strike.

Why? Was it because so many of the individual members were so little dependent on earnings from News International that they were happy to make a political gesture? Was it because the leaders therefore saw the strike as inevitable whether they called it or not?

Or was it because they were determined to break the law on secondary action and turn the plant into a factory without a marketplace? Was the cause of the strike stupid leadership, selfish leadership, political ambition or a pig-headed desire to break an uncongenial law? It is hard to know.

The strikers have found some enthusiastic bedfellows. Mr Neil Kinnock's decision to black journalists from News International's papers - his own personal brand of secondary action - is an unusual misjudgement even from this famous misjudger of the public mood. The failure of the National Union of Journalists to see its interest in behaving like a realistic, modern trade union instead of supporting a boycott campaign against papers on which hundreds of its members are employed, is as sadly predictable. For the TUC as a whole it is one more issue with which it must struggle before it can grasp a new future. However muchthe government's political opponents and nervous supporters try to present Wapping as a watershed, as a proof that the trade union movement is now an endangered species that requires special protection, they will not succeed. It is not just the law that has changed it is the deepest feelings of the public about union power.

Newspapers may be big news today. Brenda Dean may be an acceptable mask on the face of old-style trade unionism, and Rupert Murdoch an accessible target for her smiling attacks. But the dispute at Wapping is just one brick in that wall which has risen inexorably between the unions and the public. Compared with the miners strikes and the winter of discontent it may not even turn out to be a very large brick.

The harsh face of old trade union power is not to be hidden. In Fleet Street it still manifests itself in corruption and censorship. In the rest of industry it reveals itself in rigidly enforced restrictions and inadequate productivity.

The unions' traditional response to change has been to keep the law out of industrial relations. The Wapping dispute began when News International failed to negotiate contracts of employment that would be legally binding on both sides - not a bosses' charter but a deal to which both sides could be held in law. The future of the union movement must now lie with those who are prepared to exploit just such opportunities. They have have to learn to use the law. The alternative is to go on breaking it - and themselves.

WINTER FUEL

Cold kills. For every degree by which the average winter temperature drops, there is an increase in mortality in the winter months of about 8,000. Many of those deaths are of the old. For some the cold is an agent of ineluctable decease.

But for an unknown number of the elderly there is nothing inevitable about death. It is as chancy as a coin for the gas meter slot, the confidence that they can afford a few hours of electric fire. Hypothermia is a cruel death, and death by cold in penury is hard for a civilized society to bear without questioning its own worth. The cry goes up from all political ranks that something better must be provided by the State's apparatus of social security.

Outrage and the resulting reaction of panic by harried ministers make a bad recipe for policy.

Last November the Social Security Commissioners issued a circular which replaced meteorological formula withthe homespun wisdom of a DHSS Adjudication Officer sticking his head out of an office window. The unfairness of that scheme has become apparent in the cold of the past fortnight.

No poor household, however frugal, however well run, will avoid emergencies for which their reserves are insufficient. Hence the necessity for the social security system — present and future — to make "exceptional needs payments".

Last year, the payments were supposed to be rule-governed. Now it is fully discretionary, with the result that disputable differences in temperature have been allowed to dictate benefit payments that may be life-saving.

Full reform depends on changes to the heart of the benefits system itself. Old-age pensioners in Glasgow are expected, despite obvious differences in mean winter temperatures, to heat their homes on the same scale rates as pensioner households in Bristol. Severe weather in Scotland has to be doubly severe to qualify. This is absurd.

No scheme will be ever be perfectly tidy. There is however an ample array of regional statistics for the cost of goods and services, which could allow rates to be geographically adjusted. The principle could then be more fairly applied that severe weather payments hinge on out-of-the-ordinary conditions for the area.

The Government has no time to reflect at length about protecting the elderly and poor from the chance effects of severe cold. The time for revision of the scheme is now, before it locks itself, and social security beneficiaries, into the financial and bureaucratic limitations of its proposed new Social Fund.

As far as can be seen — the government having been coy about its composition — such severe weather payments would not cease under the Fund. They would however become loans, on the grounds that the State by acting as lender of last resort should encourage better household management. This is a sound point — provided, and it is a big proviso — the basic rate of benefit for the poor and elderly are sufficient for them to make reasonable provision for winter fuel.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Why Industry Year is so vital

From the Chairman of Imperial Chemical Industries, plc

Sir, If ever the case of Industry Year was made in a telling way, it was in Mr Ian Bradley's article (February 8). It would be hard to find a better example, both of total lack of understanding of what industry is about and the necessity for it, as well as muddled thinking about the ways in which the desirable characteristics of the post-industrial era can be applied in Britain.

I can only assume that Mr Bradley has little or no knowledge of what comprises modern industry. The idea that industrialists want to return to "dark satanic mills", "the drudgery of the production line", shows a lack of understanding of modern industrial thinking and processes which must be almost unique to this country.

No one, to the best of my knowledge, has ever argued that there are not plenty of ways of contributing to the gross national product which may be more in keeping with people's wishes for the future.

Nobody has attempted to argue that we do not need a change in the attitude to work and that success in industrial wealth creation, carried out by a much smaller number of people than hitherto, will not enable us to look for the sort of gentle, imaginative, co-operative lifestyle which Mr Bradley yearns for.

I have seen little evidence, in contradiction to Mr Bradley, that people in this country are prepared to forgo Japanese television sets, American video shows, foreign cars, and even such humble items as foreign-made hand tools and garden implements.

But how, in Mr Bradley's dream world, are these things going to be paid for? Is he seriously suggesting that, by entering into a sort of idealised do-it-yourself future, we will make our green and pleasant land so full of tourists that we will earn enough money to buy not only all the manufactured goods, but also some of the produce to which we have become accustomed, like bananas and oranges, which do not grow readily in our climate?

A prerequisite of being able to move into a new society for the future is that we have an industry and extractive industries that can earn our country's living overseas. These will have to provide very attractive products at low cost. It is this which will enable our society to have choices and it is this that can enable us to develop the sort of better life which all of us look forward to.

It will certainly be done, as it is being done today, by fewer people working in industry as factories are increasingly mechanised and as the full power of the application of information technology is brought to bear. It is this process which is the enabling mechanism for the better life and it is this process that those of us who work in industry and those who have launched Industry Year hope to convey to our fellow citizens.

Mr Bradley's article shows what a very long way we have to go.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN HARVEY-JONES,
Chairman,
Imperial Chemical Industries, plc,
Imperial Chemical House,
Millbank, SW1.

Merger issues

From Sir Michael Edwardes

Sir, The decision to refer to the Monopolies Commission mergers like those suggested by United Biscuits and Imperial, Guinness and Distillers, and GEC and Plessey raises important strategic issues for Britain.

In all three cases the effect would have been to create merged units of a size able to compete with the many powerful US, European and Japanese companies now increasingly dominating the world scene; and for example the Leyland/Bedford truck merger provides a scale that neither could achieve on its own. It is a nonsense to inhibit that sort of synergy on the basis that together the merged units have a logically dominant position in the relatively small British market. That type of "little Englander" policy displays an ignorance of commercial reality which will cost us all a very high price in the longer term.

By being doctrinaire and parochial it is easy to have a whole host of companies competing in the same home market; but how many will be effective (or even in business) in 10 years' time? Equally important, how many of them will be strong enough to avoid being taken over by foreign companies in the long run?

To trade in a heavyweight world market Britain must think big. It needs an industrial strategy founded on commercial logic rather than shortsighted bureaucratic principles. A review of Britain's policy on mergers is overdue.

Yours truly,
MICHAEL EDWARDES,
52 Grosvenor Gardens, SW1.

Minors and GPs

From the Master of the Guild of Catholic Doctors

Sir, The new guidelines issued by the General Medical Council (report, February 13) concerning the provision of contraceptive advice to children under the age of 16 are surely to be applauded as a carefully balanced approach to the difficult question of the right to confidentiality in medical consultation before the "age of consent".

The five points made by Lord Fraser, in his judgment on the case brought by Mrs V. Gillick, effectively require the doctor to assess the maturity of the child before deciding whether or how to proceed in such a consultation.

We believe that a minor has rights to confidentiality in medical consultation, which should not be lightly overruled, but that the power to give valid consent and the right to claim secrecy from one's parents run in close parallel and depend on maturity.Hence, when the doctor assesses the maturity of his patient, the extent to which he accords her confidentiality must depend on that assessment.

If he concludes that the girl is clearly immature and in a situation of serious moral or physical danger, he may decide that she needs help and that this can only properly be given by her parents or guardian.

It is right that the General Medical Council have clearly shown that to seek such help in a case of this sort is a proper exercise of clinical judgment.

Yours etc,
I. M. JESSIMAN, Master,
Guild of Catholic Doctors,
17 Grange Drive,
Chislehurst, Kent.

From Dr John Rogan

Sir, In modifying their rules on contraceptive advice to teenagers the General Medical Council refer to the contractual nature of the relationship between doctor and patient. This relationship is based on the age-old tradition of the inviolability of medical confidence and not on a wholly inappropriate application of the law of contract.

Hitherto the only permissible breach of confidence has been a case of serious crime when the maintenance of secrecy seemed likely to result in death or injury to others.

Bearing in mind the political, religious and legal pressures on the council, their latest rulings are understandable but weak and unacceptable in practice.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN ROGAN,
Oak Lodge,
Kiln Way,
Grayshott,
Hindhead,
Surrey.

Smallpox virus

From Professor Colin Kaplan

Sir, The statement by the Minister of State for Defence, as reported in yesterday's edition (February 11), needs to be corrected. Smallpox has, indeed, been eradicated from the world, but "occasional cases" do not and have not occurred (with the exception of the sad and regrettable episode in Birmingham a few years ago).

Rumours and reports of cases do, however, occur. All such events are thoroughly investigated, always with the co-operation of World Health Organisation epidemiologists and specialist laboratories in the USA and USSR. No report or rumour of smallpox has been confirmed, although positive diagnoses have been made of other conditions such as chickenpox, herpes simplex, and — mainly in Zaire — human infection with monkey-pox virus.

Yours faithfully,
COLIN KAPLAN,
The University of Reading,
Department of Microbiology,
London Road,
Reading,
Berkshire.

Drugs in prison

From the Director of the Prison Medical Service

Sir, I noted with concern the report (February 14) under the bold headline, "Doctors clash over use of drugs to control prisoners", which will therefore be the main message taken away by the majority of your readers.

There is no conflict of policy among the doctors who are responsible for the professional ethics of medical treatment in the Prison Medical Service. The policy is clear to all those directly concerned. It is that doctors who work in the Prison Medical Service, whole-time or part-time, are responsible for the individual mental and physical health of their inmate patients. Wherever this responsibility is in any way in competition with any other interest of the service the direct individual good of the inmate patient is paramount.

A second point should be made to clear confusion over the question of the provision of general medical care. Eighty-eight of the 120-odd prison medical establishments in England and Wales receive all their medical cover from part-time medical officers, whose main job is as a general practitioner in the National Health Service with a practice in the geographical area of the prison establishment.

All the other establishments which employ one or more full-time medical officers are also dependent upon the services of part-time medical officers, who come in as local GPs and provide general medical services as required for the inmate patients.

This leaves the full-time medical officers free to get on with just those jobs which several interest groups recommend they should do.

The third and most important point is to state clearly and categorically that the Prison Medical Service is only empowered to prescribe pharmaceutical drugs for the individual benefit of the inmate patient and medical officers are clearly aware of the strictly limited conditions under which drugs may be used without full consent; that is, it is done to save the patient's life, or when other lives may be at risk, or when such intervention is the minimum required to prevent an irretrievable deterioration in the condition of the patient.

Any breach of these rules reported would be the subject of immediate investigation.

Thank you for the opportunity to make these, I trust, very clear observations.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN L. KILGOUR,
Director,
Prison Medical Service,
HM Prison Service Headquarters,
Cleland House,
Page Street, SW1.
February 14.

Prehistoric site endangered

From Professor B. W. Cunliffe, FBA, and others

Sir, During this last summer the longest public enquiry into a single planning issue in Northern Ireland was held over an application to extend the quarrying of limestone at Navan in Co. Armagh. The enquiry brought out the basic conflict of interests involved.

Navan is a remarkable complex of later prehistoric archaeological sites, and it is known to be Emain Macha, the early historic capital of Ulster and centre of Ireland's great heroic literary tradition, the Ulster Cycle. As a combination of Celtic prehistory and historical identity and legend it is unique in the British Isles and is recognised by all academic authorities as of remarkable importance to the history of European culture.

The commercial and employment interests of the quarry could be satisfied by relocating it outside the area of academic significance. The enquiry also highlighted the failure of the planning authorities, who have permitted quarrying to go on unauthorised for a decade and so have failed to grasp the nettle of the imcompatibility of commercial development and the historic culture of the community at this site.

The proposal has naturally aroused worldwide protests from archaeologists and celticists concerned with the origins of the Irish language and identity. Of more interest perhaps has been the response within Northern Ireland, where notoriously the absence of a shared culture has divided the two communities in the province. In a remarkable exception to this division opposition to further quarrying came from the full range of the political spectrum.

If the quarry is allowed to continue for longer than it takes to find another site, it will have been encouraged to invest plant and equipment and open up new areas for working. In these circumstances it would be able to come up with a fresh application for more land, and the story would only end when the site had been removed entirely, apart from the one element which is in State care.

Yours faithfully,
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C. F. C. HAWKES,
MARTYN JOPE,
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Oxford.

Space disaster

From Mr A. T. Crow

Sir, Mr Alan Capper (February 12) draws attention to the difference in reaction to the loss of the space shuttle between the confident Americans and the pessimistic Britons and quotes the inspiring words expressing man's drive to explore space written by H. G. Wells in his *Things To Come*. However, it may be pertinent to point out that Wells himself in later life came to view the future with the utmost pessimism. In his last essay, *Mind at the End of its Tether*, published in 1945, he wrote:

Our universe is ... going clean out of existence, leaving not a wrack behind.

Of course he did not expect many to share his belief, but there can be no doubt that he sincerely held it himself.

Yours sincerely,
ALAN CROW,
Merrowdown,
Wharton,
Leominster,
Herefordshire.

Seen along the line

From Mr Philip Benham

Sir, Professor Dunstan (February 1) and Peter White (February 10) will no doubt be pleased to learn that they no longer have to rely on a 1936 publication by the former London & North Eastern Railway to guide them on their way.

The English Tourist Board and British Rail are now jointly producing just such lineside guides for the enjoyment of our customers. So far two booklets have been produced, one covering the East Coast mainline route from London King's Cross to York, Newcastle and Scotland, and the other the Western Region route out of Paddington to Bristol, Cardiff and Penzance.

Yours faithfully,
P. M. BENHAM, Area Manager,
British Rail (Eastern),
37 Tanner Row,
York.

Staying power

From Captain O. J. Windsor Clive

Sir, My grandfather first mounted Queen's Guard in 1897. I find his bearskin cap very comfortable when I mount the same duty.

Yours faithfully,
O. J. WINDSOR CLIVE,
1st Bn Coldstream Guards,
The Barracks,
Caterham,
Surrey.
February 12.

Meaningful terms

From Dr C. I. M. Reekie

Sir, May I add a recent addition to the educational vocabulary: "human resource laboratory". It means gymnasium.

Yours faithfully,
C. I. M. REEKIE,
44 Willow Way,
Ponteland,
Newcastle-upon-Tyne,
Tyne and Wear.

ON THIS DAY

FEBRUARY 19 1884

In December 1883 the British Government ordered the abandonment of the Sudan. General Charles George Gordon (1833-85) was sent out there, his mission being to effect the withdrawal of the garrisons and evacuate the country. His proclamation on arrival at Khartoum was not wholly favourably received at home; in particular his opinion that slavery should be retained made him and the Government subject to considerable criticism. On January 26 1885 Gordon was killed when Khartoum fell to the forces of the Mahdi.

LATEST INTELLIGENCE.

(From Our Correspondents)

ENGLAND, EGYPT AND THE SOUDAN

(by Eastern Company's Cables)

Khartoum, Feb 18, 3.30pm

General Gordon's arrival here this morning led to a wonderful demonstration of welcome by the people, thousands of them crowding to kiss his hands and feet, and calling him the "Sultan of the Soudan."

His speech to the people was received with enthusiasm. He said: "I come without soldiers, but with God on my side, to redress the evils of the Soudan. I will not fight with any weapons but justice. There shall be no more Bashi-Bazouks."

It is now believed that he will relieve the Bahr Gazelle garrisons without firing a shot.

Since they heard that he was coming the aspect of the people has had so changed that there are no longer any fears of disturbances in the town. They say that he is giving them more than even the Mahdi could give.

He is sending out proclamations in all directions.

Such is the influence of one man that there are no longer any fears for the garrison of people of Khartoum...

LATER

Before criticizing General Gordon's proclamation, it is well to await the receipt of its exact terms. Meanwhile, it does not appear startling to those who are best acquainted with his views.

The recognition of the Mahdi as Emir of Kordofan he had already telegraphed as a probable step; and it is one which, after all, does not amount to stupendous generosity. The remission of half the taxation is merely dividing zero into fractions.

As regards the question of slavery, no one is more sincere and thorough in his detestation of the trade than General Gordon; but no one is more ready to recognize facts and turn them to practical account utterly regardless of purely sentimental considerations. He has always maintained that it was impossible to destroy the trade by operations in the Soudan. Such attempts have had two effects — first to render the traffic more difficult, and therefore more cruel to the victims; secondly, to cause perpetual wars in the Soudan, with a consequently inferior standard of government in it.

The sole remedy, even if this territory were under English government, would be to suppress the demand for slaves by abolishing the markets or them in Turkey and Egypt. England having decided to abandon the Soudan, General Gordon acquiesced in the advisability of allowing its inhabitants self-government. This concession implied a continuation of the slave trade, and any indignation is therefore now mistimed. General Gordon is only proclaiming openly what everyone knows to be the inevitable consequences of our policy. The British Government would probably have been better satisfied if he had continued to make use of professions of hostility to the trade, while practically freeing it — just as they protest against protection and practically protect. But General Gordon has a habit of calling things by their proper names. England decided the question, he acquiesced in the decision, and is not ashamed to acknowledge it...

The public may regret the immoral tendencies of remote savages to slavedealing, cannibalism, and other vices; but they are beyond the reach of our arm, and it is unwise to be enunciating moral truisms at the cost of perpetual war. Practical philanthropists had better confine their energies to practical measures for which they possess the requisite power, and here they may do much. An enforced registration of and a heavy taxation upon the possession of existing slaves, and a declaration of the illegality of any future purchase or transfer of them, would do more than millions of money and the thousands of lives wasted in the Soudan during the last 15 years...

COURT AND SOCIAL

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE

February 18: The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips, Patron of the National Union of Townswomen's Guilds, was represented by Mrs Janet Ramsden (Chairman, National Union of Townswomen's Guilds) at the Memorial Service for Mrs Margaret Chalkley (former National Chairman, National Union of Townswomen's Guilds) which was held at the Birmingham Parish Church of St Martin's with St Andrew's in The Bullring, Birmingham, this afternoon.

KENSINGTON PALACE

February 18: The Princess of Wales this morning opened the new Maternity Unit at Newham General Hospital, London, E13.

Mrs George West and Lieutenant-Commander Richard Aylard, RN, were in attendance.

CLARENCE HOUSE

February 18: Lady Jean Rankin has succeeded Lady Elizabeth Basset as Lady-in-Waiting to Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE

February 18: The Duke of Kent, Vice Chairman of the British Overseas Trade Board, today visited Logica Plc, Newman Street, London, W1.

Captain Michael Campbell-Lamerton was in attendance.

Prince Andrew is 26 today.

The Queen will unveil a memorial to the late Duke of Beaufort in Gloucester Cathedral on Monday, April 14, at noon. Tickets on application to the Chief Executive, Shire Hall, Gloucester, GL1 2TG, by March 17. Priority given to subscribers.

A service of thanksgiving for the life of Eric Vernon Holding will be held on Friday, March 7, 1986, at St Bride's Church, Fleet Street, London, EC4, at noon.

Forthcoming marriages

Brigadier C. Armitage and Mrs A.M. Mann
The engagement is announced between Charles Armitage, of Bremhill Wick, Calne, Wiltshire, and Ann Marguerite Mann, of Horsemoor House, Chieveley, Berkshire.

Mr D.E. Begvely and Miss C.A. Macadam
The engagement is announced between David, younger son of Mr and Mrs R.E.E. Begvely, of Auckland, New Zealand, and Clare, youngest daughter of Mr J.D. Macadam, MBE, and Mrs Macadam, of Venado Tuerto, Argentina.

Mr J.R.T. Eckersley and Miss R.E. Longthorne
The engagement is announced between Rupert, elder son of Mr Jeremy Eckersley, of Bosbury, Herefordshire, and Mrs Sarah Eckersley, of Oxford, and Ruth, daughter of Mr and Mrs Brian Longthorne, of Winchester, Hampshire.

Mr A. Ford and Miss E.S. Worgan
The engagement is announced between Andrew, son of Mrs J. Ford, of Needingworth, Cambridgeshire, and Assiut, Egypt, and the late Flight Lieutenant P. Ford, and Elizabeth Susan, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs J.S. Worgan, of Hartford, Cheshire.

Mr T.C. Garnham and Miss V.L. Mitchell
The engagement is announced between Timothy Claude, eldest son of Dr and Mrs John C. Garnham, of Penn, Buckinghamshire, and Victoria Lesley, second daughter of the late Mr G.A. Mitchell and Mrs M. Mitchell, of Markyate, Hertfordshire.

Mr D.F. Harrison and Miss S.E. Coventry
The engagement is announced between David Featherstone, son of the late Mr Henry Harrison and of Mrs Kathleen Readman, of Swanland, East Yorkshire, and Sarah Elizabeth, younger daughter of Prebendary and Mrs Frank Coventry, of Hampstead.

Mr S.J. Jeremiah and Miss F.R. Green
The engagement is announced between Stephen, eldest son of Mr and Mrs T.L.C. Jeremiah, of Penllergaer, Swansea, and Fiona, daughter of Mr and Mrs J. Green, of Market Drayton, Shropshire.

Dr A.E. Morris and Sylvia Countess von Schoenfeldt
The engagement is announced between Alan, son of the late Edward Morris and of Mrs R.G. Morris, of Cooden, Sussex, and Sylvia, daughter of Mr and Mrs Cecil V. Moore, of Chesham, Buckinghamshire.

Dr P. McC. Miller and Dr A.J. Waddington
The engagement is announced between Patrick, son of Dr and Mrs A.A. McC. Miller, of Snainton, North Yorkshire, and Jane, daughter of Mr and Mrs A.J. Waddington, of Bromsgrove, Worcestershire.

Mr J.C. Nicholson and Miss A.A. Beer
The engagement is announced between John Caldecott Nicholson, of Burrill Manor, Bedale, and Alison Ann, daughter of Mr and Mrs Eric Beer, of Burn Bridge, Harrogate.

Mr A.R.A. Oakshett and Miss A.M. Kiely
The engagement is announced between Anthony, younger son of Mr and Mrs O.C.A. Oakshett, of The Old Rectory, Hawling, Gloucestershire, and Annette, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs N.J. Kiely, of Eastwick Manor, Eastwick, Essex.

Mr M.A. Fane De Salis and Miss E.K.F. Shepherd
The engagement is announced between Mark Andreas, elder son of Mr and Mrs J.P. Fane De Salis, of Itchingfield, West Sussex, and Elaine Kathryn Francess, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs F.J. Shepherd, of Horsham, West Sussex.

Marriages

Mr R.A. Custis and Mrs V.K. Mackett
The marriage took place at Maidstone on February 15 of Mr Ronnie Custis and Mrs Valerie Mackett.

Dr T.E. Faber and Dr E.M.C. van Houts
The marriage took place in Cambridge on February 6, 1986, of Dr Thomas Faber and Dr Elisabeth van Houts.

Mr C.M. Keating Coyne and Miss S. Kaminska
The marriage of Mr Christopher Martin Keating Coyne, son of Mr Christopher Ke..ng Coyne, of Dublin, Ireland, and Mrs Ruth Keating Coyne, of Twyford, Berkshire, and Miss Sylvia Kaminska took place early in the New Year at St Thomas More Catholic Church, Twyford, Berkshire.



The Princess of Wales being greeted by Gillian Hughes, a midwife, when she opened the maternity unit at Newham General Hospital, London, yesterday.

Sale room

English furniture popular

By Geraldine Norman, Sale Room Correspondent

There was fierce competition for fine English furniture at Sotheby's Sussex sale room yesterday with a little padoukwood bureau of around 1735, on a parcel-gilt stand, selling for £22,000 (estimate £3,000-£5,000) to Michael Norman Antiques of Brighton.

The fall front of the bureau opens on little drawers and pigeonholes and it has two long drawers below. The stand, with a key pattern apron, and handsome cabriole legs, may or may not have started life with the bureau; there was some argument during the view on whether it had been made up from four chairlegs and a bit of keypattern from elsewhere. The component parts were all definitely eighteenth century, according to the auctioneer.

A pair of George III satinwood card tables sold for £13,750 (estimate £10,000-£15,000) to a dealer acting for a Finnish private collector. There was very strong Continental bidding throughout the sale, mainly focused on the oak and walnut.

Other high prices included a red walnut drop-leaf table of around 1740, at £9,900 (estimate £2,000-£3,000) and a mahogany drop-leaf table of about 10 years later at £7,480 (estimate £3,000-£5,000). It was their first good sale of English furniture of the new year, which may help to explain the high prices. The auctioneers, however, had been apprehensive since the Americans, who have recently been the strongest buyers in this market, seem to have dropped out completely at the moment.

Christie's sale of coins and medallions saw a morning total of £63,515, with only 3 per cent left unsold. Dealers were bidding strongly in the section of ancient coins. A typical composite lot, containing six Imperial denarii and four minor coins, secured £281 against an estimate of £140 to £160; two denarii of A.D.69, one of Otho and the other of Vitellius made £259 (estimate £100-£120).

Foreign gold coins were also selling strongly, with a Guatemalan four-escudos of Ferdinand VII at £2,808 (estimate £1,400-£1,800). The top price in the sale was £4,320 (estimate £3,000-£4,000) for a U.S. proof $10 of 1900.

At Phillips routine sale of Old Master paintings, there was a strong continegent of Italian dealers, bidding especially on Italian paintings. A pair of battle scenes from the circle of Francesco Simonini went to Sarti Antiques at £9,240 (estimate £6,000-£8,000). The sale totalled £87,813 with 33 per cent left unsold. The high unsold percentage reflects dealers' demand for quality and pictures new to the market; paintings that had been cleaned and restored were simply not selling since this is a sure sign that they have been recently on the market.

Appointments

Latest appointments include:

Sir John Oliver Wright to be a trustee of the British Museum in succession to Sir Arthur Drew.

Dame Anne Warburton, Mrs Esme Walker, Professor Gillian Powell to be part-time members of the Equal Opportunities Commission.

Mr Richard Thornton to be Lord Lieutenant of Surrey in succession to Lord Hamilton of Dalzell who is retiring.

Mr John Vereker to be principal finance officer in the Foreign and Commonwealth Office Overseas Development Administration in succession to Mr Robert Ainscow who is to be deputy secretary.

Mr Bill Cockburn to be managing director, letters, Mr Tony Garrett to be managing director, parcels, Mr Ken Young, to be in charge of personnel and corporate resources, Mr Philip Sellers, to be responsible for corporate and finance planning, all as members of the Post Office Board.

Friends help Gibraltar

The Friends of Gibraltar Society, whose aims are to help preserve Gibraltar's unique architectural and military heritage, will hold its inaugural meeting at the National Army Museum, Royal Hospital Road, central London, next Tuesday.

According to authorities who addressed a Save Gibraltar's Heritage conference last February, conservation and sympathetic conversion of ex-government property would benefit the Rock's tourist industry and the urgent housing needs of the Gibraltarians.

Mr Sam Alper, a Cambridgeshire businessman who chairs the Society's steering committee, said: "What needs to be done in Gibraltar is really too much for the Rock's population of only 25,000. They need our help. The purpose of the Society's inaugural meeting is to move on from an ad hoc committee to formalize its existence as a charity.

Bridge win for Breskal's team

G.N. Breskal's team won the most strenuous of the English Bridge Union's competitions in the double knockout event for the Provost Cup held at the Queen's Hotel, Eastbourne, over four days. He defeated G.L.Stanford's team after eight extra boards by 112–59.

In the semiFinals G.L.Stanford beat B. Rigal; G.N. Breskal beat M. Hoffman.

Teams: G.N. Breskal: A. Calderwood; D.J.Greenwood; S. Fishpool; and D.Shek; beat G.L. Stanford; Z.Frudigo; J.McDonnie; and I.R. Lancaster.

The Northern Event at Leeds was won by six internationals, J.M. Armstrong, G.T. Kirby, A.Forrester, R.S. Brock, S.J.Lodge, Dr. A.P.Sowter who will meet the southern winners for the Woolwich Building Society's Cup on August 2.

Hamilton Cup was won by Mr and Mrs W.J. Pencharz, P.J. Williams, D.Romain, J.Cope, J.Dhondy by half a point from the joint seconds captained by G.Horsley and D.M.Pool.

Results: Punchbowl winners: A.Kay; P. Nicholls; Dr U.Jacobson; M.P. Moseley; Joint runners up: R.L. Poulter; M.Chatmer; Woolwich Building Society Pairs: 1, J.M. Laurent, R.Mardlin: score 896. Equal second: K.E.Stanley, Mrs.D. Nettleton; D Patterson, M.Stickings: score 867.

Gallery architect on Aga Khan jury

Mr Robert Venturi, the American architect appointed last month to design the Hampton site extension to the National Gallery in Trafalgar Square, is a member of the master jury appointed for the 1986 Aga Khan Award for Architecture.

The award, established in 1976, worth $500,000 in prizes, is the largest architectural award in the world. It recognizes excellence for Islamic cultures, including seminars and publications.

The other members of the jury team include Professor Hans Hollein, Austria; Professor Fumihiko Maki, Japan; and Professor Ronald Lewcock, Australia, who is at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Science report

Computer game treats children's bad eyesight

By Thomson Prentice, Science Correspondent

A computer game which has been developed to treat young children with defective eyesight as they play has achieved "significant rapid improvement" in about half of those who have used it.

The children suffer from amblyopia, a condition in which the vision of one eye is blurred and inhibited by poor responses from the brain. The traditional treatment is to cover the good eye with an eyepatch, which forces the brain to use the eye it has preferred to ignore. Although often successful, this method can take many months before vision is brought up

The Visual Electrophysiology Unit at Bradford University's School of Optometry has been studying electrical activity in the brain produced by signals from the eyes. Some of the unit's work has been concerned with finding suitable visual targets which produce strong visual signals in the brain.

One of the most successful targets is a black and white checkerboard, which reverses at regular intervals, so that black squares become white, and vice versa. A TV computer game based on this alternating pattern has been created to exercise the children's eyes as they play.

In the game, the child or examiner selects a number of letters to be read and remembered. Random letters are displayed in the centre of the screen, surrounded by the alternating checkerboard. The child reads the letters with the good eye covered, and when the letters disappear, types them on the computer's keyboard.

The child scores one point if the letters are correctly remembered, and a new sequence of letters appears. When 10 points are scored, the child is allowed to play a short computer game as a reward. The program has been in use in a Saturday morning children's clinic at the School of Optometry for the past 12 months. Dr Bill Southwaite, lecturer in optometry at Bradford University, who devised the game, says: "A significant rapid improvement in vision has occurred in approximately half the children exposed to this approach."

He has been helped by students at Holmfirth High School who have converted the program for use on school computers so that the exercises can be more widely used.

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An uncommon sense of occasion

NZ to get pacifist as Bishop

By Clifford Longley
Religious Affairs Correspondent

Canon Paul Oestreicher, one of the best-known Anglican churchmen of his generation, has been elected as the next bishop of Wellington, New Zealand. Canon Oestreicher, born in Germany, has New Zealand nationality.

His election has to be confirmed by the New Zealand bishops and by the Anglican Church's standing committee. He is assistant general secretary of the British Council of Churches, responsible for international affairs, a member of the General Synod of the Church of England, and vice-president of the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament.

Canon Oestreicher, aged 54, is a full member of the Society of Friends (Quakers), which he joined about two years ago. A pacifist, he has long been prominent as a campaigner against nuclear weapons. He is also a leading expert on East European Christianity, particularly the Lutheran church in East Germany, and on the church in South Africa. He was chairman of the British section of Amnesty International from 1974 to 1979.

His parents fled from the threat of Nazi persecution to New Zealand before the war. He was educated at school in Dunedin, and attended the universities of Otago and Victoria, before coming to England to study at Lincoln Theological College. He worked as a BBC producer, then at the British Council of Churches, and from 1968 to 1981 was a vicar in Blackheath, South London.

Canon Oestreicher said yesterday that if the election was confirmed he expected to leave Britain for New Zealand in September.

Birthdays today

The Rev Dr G. Henton Davies, 80; Lord Forbes, 68; Mr John Freeman, 71; Lord Henniker, 70; the Right Rev R.S. Hook, 69; Mr Lee Marvin, 62; Professor Bernard Meadows, 71; Sir John N. Nicholson, 75; Mrs Frances Perry, 79; Sir Daniel Pettit, 71; Mr Brian Tesler, 57.

Dinners

Engineering Employers' Federation
Mr Peter Walker, MP, Secretary of State for Energy, was the principal guest at the biennial dinner of the Engineering Employers' Federation at the Dorchester hotel yesterday. The guests were received by Mr R.J.H. Parkes, president, and Dr J.S. McFarlane, director-general.

Masons' Company
The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress, accompanied by the sheriffs and Mrs Neary, were received by the Master of the Masons' Company, Mr E.H. Turner, at the annual ladies' dinner held at the Mansion House last night. The speakers included the Upper Warden, Mr R.A. Wisby, and Councillor Jack P. Birch, Governor of the Company of Merchant Adventurers of the City of York.

Cranleigh School

Cranleigh School has announced the following awards for 1986:

Sixth Form Academic Scholarships: Diana Beaumont (Woldingham); Emma Borton (St Swithun's); Rebecca Carey (Roedean); Estee Torok (St Catherine's, Bramley); Theresa Wat (Woldingham).

Sixth Form Music Scholarship: Eleanor Steer (Glebelands).

Visiting Musician's Exhibition: Kim Piper (Farlington).

Fourth Form Music Scholarships: Daniel Hewson (Belmont Preparatory School); Timothy Vine (Cranleigh Preparatory School).

Fourth Form Music Exhibition: Giles Atkinson (Claremont Preparatory School).

Hertford College, Oxford

It is planned to issue a revised edition of the *Hertford College Record* within the next 12 months to all known members.

Would any member who is not in contact with College, or whose address has changed, please write to the Bursar, Hertford College, Oxford, OX1 3BW, so that his or her entry can be included.

Memorial Service

Mr L. Lederer

A service of thanksgiving for the life of Mr Lajos Lederer was held at the International Press Centre yesterday. Canon John Oates and Rabbi Julia Neuberger officiated. Nicholas Selmes, grandson, read the lesson and Mr Randolph Lederer, son, read "Death is nothing at all" by Canon Scott Holland. Mr Donald Trelford (editor, *The Observer*) read from a speech by the Hon David Astor and Lord Sieff of Brimpton gave an address. Among those present were:

Mr and Mrs Clive Lederer (son and daughter-in-law), Mr and Mrs Blake Gorst (son-in-law and daughter), Mrs Jacqueline Lederer (daughter-in-law), Sarah and Katherine Lederer and Anna Gorst (granddaughters).

Lord Goodman, CH, Lord Shackleton, Lady Lever of Manchester, the Hon Mrs Sieff and Mrs Sieff, Lady Hadow, Sir Frank Roberts, Mr William Millinship (managing editor, *The Observer*), M Mario Mitsotic (press attache, Yugoslav Embassy), Mr Winston Churchill, MP, Mr Tristan Jones, Mr P Dibnah, Mr John Hawkins, Mr Nigel Hawkes, Mr R Bloom, Mr I Mather, Mr Nicholas Wapshott, Miss Christine Doyle, Mr Paul Levy, Mr John Sked, Mr Adam Raphael, Mr John Nuttall-Smith, Mr T Kilmartin, Mr J Davis, Mr J Lucas, Mr William Keegan, Mr Paul Ferris, Mr Anthony Howard, Mr Edward Mace, Miss Moncia Craig, Mr Robert Gwyshyre, Mrs Donald Trelford, Miss Sally Trelford, Mr Paul Trelford, Mr Tim Trelford, Mr Sidney Wellard (diplomatic editor, *Reuters*), Miss Angela Levin (*Mail on Sunday*), Presidentary Devi Morgan, Mr Neville Sandelson, Mr Richard Astor, Mrs Rose Hillmore, Mr Jonathan Sieff, Mrs Philip S Ure, Mrs V Millinship, Miss O Millinship, Mr Ron Roney, Mrs Richard Hargreaves, Mr Patrick Ferguson, Mr and Mrs Egbert E Smart, Major-General R E Lloyd, Miss Pat Davis, Mr Robert Low and Mr and Mrs B Sandelson.

OBITUARY

JIDDU KRISHNAMURTI
Philosophical and religious teacher



Jiddu Krishnamurti, the Indian philosopher and religious teacher, died on February 17 at his home in Ojai, California. He was 90.

Krishnamurti never sought publicity yet for fifty years thousands of people all over the world regarded him as one of the great religious teachers, and his many books, translated into numerous languages, had a wide circulation. *Krishnamurti's Notebook* (1976) in particular, is a remarkable mystical document.

Born on May 25, 1895, at Mandanapalle in South India, Krishnamurti was the eighth child of a Brahmin family of 10. His mother died when he was young and in 1909 his father, a retired civil servant and Theosophist of long standing, went with his four surviving sons to live at Adyar, the international headquarters of the Theosophical Society at Madras.

Mrs Annie Besant, President of the Society, and her colleague, C. W. Leadbeater, soon noticed Krishnamurti; Leadbeater immediately saw in him, the spiritual teacher of the future.

It was then a tenet of the majority of Theosophists that all the great religious teachers were in fact the same being, the Lord Maitreya, who every two thousand years or so showed himself in human incarnation through the body of a chosen vehicle in order to help humanity in a time of special crisis. His last appearance according to the Theosophists, had been in the body of Jesus.

In 1911 the Order of the Star in the East was founded by Mrs Besant with Krishnamurti as its head. Its members were convinced that a new Coming was imminent and that Krishnamurti was the vehicle whom the Lord had chosen.

Mrs Besant took Krishnamurti under her guardianship and made herself responsible for training him for this awesome role. In 1912 she sent him to England to be privately educated. He remained in Europe, becoming thoroughly westernised, until 1921 when he returned to India.

It was then that he began to travel round the world addressing audiences. Gradually, however, his followers began to doubt whether he fitted into the pattern laid down for him, as he was no longer saying the comforting things they expected to hear.

It came as a traumatic shock to thousands, who had for eighteen years been preparing for the Coming, when in 1929 he dissolved the Order of the Star (which then had a membership of over 46,000) and declared that he did not want followers, that truth was a 'pathless land' and that his only concern was to set men psychologically free - free in particular from all spiritual authority.

The inside story of those extraordinary years was not fully revealed until he allowed his letters to be published in 1975 in *Krishnamurti: The Years of Awakening* by Mary Lutyens.

In 1983 a second volume of his biography appeared, *Krishnamurti: The Years of Fulfilment* taking the story of his life up to 1980.

From 1930 onwards Krishnamurti went his own way, travelling the world, giving private interviews and talks to an ever-increasing audience.

Education had always been one of his chief concerns, as he considered that the conditioning of children in the narrowness of nationality, race and religion accounted for most of the violence in the world.

Krishnamurti had no permanent home and the minimum of personal possessions. Foundations in England, the USA and India made themselves responsible for the publishing of his books and for administering the funds voluntarily contributed for the propagation of his teaching and the running of the schools he founded.

There are now Krishnamurti schools in Hampshire and at Ojai, California, and five in India.

Krishnamurti's influence grew steadily. Each year a larger proportion of young people attended his talks and scientists and psychologists became interested in his ideas of time, thought and death.

MR R. W. OLIVER

Mr R.W. Oliver, GC, BEM, who died on February 5 at the age of 84, won his George Cross as an Albert Medal while serving as a Leading Seaman in the Royal Navy, for his courageous rescue of an unconscious man from a compartment of a warship under the hazardous conditions of foul air.

On May 23, 1928, while the battleship, HMS Warspite, was lying alongside Parlatorio Wharf, Malta, an examination of the bulge compartments situated on the port side aft was being carried out.

The manhole door of the lower bulge compartment was removed and the compartment tested, and it was found that the air was foul to poisonous.

A Chief Stoker attempted to enter the compartment, was overcome by gas and fell unconscious the twenty feet to the bottom.

An officer immediately went to his aid but this rescue attempt was unsuccessful and he was hauled out in an unconscious condition.

At this point Leading Seaman Oliver who was standing by with a shallow diving helmet, volunteered to attempt a rescue. Donning the helmet, he was passed with considerable difficulty through the manholes of the upper and lower bulge compartments and eventually succeeded in reaching the unconscious man and passing a line round his body.

The Chief Stoker was then drawn up through the manhole to safety.

The Albert Medal Oliver received for his actions was translated George Cross in 1971.

MR J. E. PIERCY

Mr John Edward Piercy, CBE, a distinguished thyroid surgeon cast in the mould of the great exponents of his craft of this century, died on February 6, aged 87.

A Canadian, Jack Piercy was born in Victoria, British Columbia and educated at Sir James Douglas School, Victoria High School and the University of Alberta, Edmonton.

He came to England to study after the First World War, during which he served as a pilot in the Royal Flying Corps, and qualified at Guy's in 1924.

His distinguished consultant career began in 1932 at New End Hospital, Hampstead, as Surgeon-Superintendent at the then LCC Hospital. He eventually took charge of the New End Goitre Clinic, a newly established unit which attracted wide attention because of the innovative nature of its surgery.

He worked with the greatest surgeons in this field, Cecil Joll, Thomas Dunhill and Geoffrey Keynes. In those early epoch-making days of endocrine surgery he assisted Keynes, who pioneered the delicate operation of thymectomy for *myasthenia gravis*, a signal advance in the treatment for those afflicted with this progressive condition.

Later, with Dr Raymond Greene, he was responsible for the international reputation of the New End Thyroid Clinic.

Piercy's remarkable personal qualities served him well both as administrator and surgeon from 1932 until retirement from New End in 1966 when he was created CBE.

All who knew him will recall with affection the tall, gangling figure and the booming, cheery voice, giving hope to his patients and confidence to his staff.

PAUL STEWART

Paul Stewart, an American character actor who made his film debut in 1941 playing the part of the valet in Orson Welles's *Citizen Kane*, died in Los Angeles on February 17, aged 77.

Born in New York, Stewart acted in Broadway productions as a teen-ager.

He joined Orson Welles's theatre group in 1938, and also took part in the now celebrated radio broadcast of H.G. Wells's *War of the Worlds* which convinced many listeners in America that a Martian invasion of the world was actually taking place.

Frequently seen in sinister roles, he took part in many films, notable among them *Mr Lucky*, *Twelve O'clock High*, *The Window*, *The Bad and the Beautiful*, and *Kiss Me Deadly*.

Later he turned to directing radio and television shows.

Dick James

In our obituary of Dick James (February 4) we stated that "he was bested in the High Court by his principal protege when he lost a legal battle over royalties to Elton John". None of the personal claims against Dick James were successful nor Mr John's claim for the return of the copyright in his compositions. Mr John was successful in obtaining an increased royalty in respect of his compositions from Dick James Music.

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THE ARTS

Television

The life of Lulu

The late Louise Brooks was the silent screen's perfect totsy: sparky, balletic, sexually voracious, incandescently beautiful and possessed of the most enticingly vulnerable throat in cinema history. As she insisted in the recycled black-and-white interview that made up the bulk of last night's memorial on *Arena* (BBC 2), she did not have to act Lulu in Pabst's notorious *Pandora's Box*, she simply *was* Lulu.

And, as we know from Kenneth Tynan's celebrated *New Yorker* profile and from her own *Lulu in Hollywood*, Brooks's career ran a decidedly peculiar gamut, from a teenage Ziegfeld hoofer to her last, ignoble appearance in 1938 opposite John Wayne and a ventriloquist's dummy. She was, as it were, the Garbo who quit while she was behind.

Tynan's monochrome ghost resurfaced to repeat his justified hyperbole, there were tantalizingly brief clips from his heroine's early, off-the-peg flapper-operas, and we learnt that Anita Loos had suggested casting her as a cigar-store Indian. Brooks herself remained blithely unimpressed by her own talent, and her speech reflected the articulacy of her journalism.

Her spoken recollections of Pabst's singular working methods were fascinating enough, if only because that heartbreaking mouth had finally acquired a voice, but the programme's account of her last 50 years was frustratingly thin. Do no ordinary citizens survive who remember her as a salesgirl or a bloated alcoholic? For such an anti-Hollywood story, this was an oddly laminated treatment.

In the Name of Charity **(Central) presented a diametrically opposed female archetype, the resilient, caring earth mother for whom "parent" is a verb. Jeanette Roberts, the solidly capable former district nurse who has acquired a "family" of 22 unwanted children, was the subject of Nigel Evans's 1984 documentary *Taking the Lid Off*. Recapping his earlier programme, Mr Evans showed the vast, disturbingly adult brood removing to new digs in the Essex countryside, where they zealously set about reclaiming the lives of aged leprosy patients in an adjoining hospital home.**

This documentary, both moving and baffling, had the feel of a rose-tinted children's film subverted by unknown menace. The mystery of who attempted to wreck the burgeoning friendship between the two sets of rejects through vandalism and threatening phone-calls was compounded by Mr Evans's extraordinarily spare narrative procedure, which at times gave the viewer far too much work to do. It was as compellingly artificial as any television drama.

Martin Cropper

Theatre

Death of a sacred old slogan

One of Us
Greenwich

In this retelling of the Burgess-Maclean affair, Robin Chapman offers the intriguing speculation that the original plan did not involve their joint flight to Moscow.

Burgess, according to Mr Chapman, was summoned home from Washington by Anthony Blunt as a trusted escort for the already suspected Maclean; and then made his own private decision to defect. I leave it to historians to pronounce on the probability of this theory. So far as the play is concerned, its effect is to cast Blunt in the role of an abandoned lover, and to precipitate a crisis of conscience in Mr Chapman's main character — Goronwy Rees.

Unlike the proven spies in the Cambridge circle, Rees is not a householdname. He was, however, privy to their secrets; and, although he shed his Comintern sympathies at the Molotov-Ribbentrop pact, he contrived to keep his mouth shut out of personal loyalty. In that sense Burgess and Blunt could still treat him as "one of us"; and the play focuses on him as a means of retesting E.M.Forster's declaration that he would rather betray his country than his friends. In the end, Rees takes Blunt by the neck and forces him to repeat those words, adding that he can now dismiss the sacred old slogan "after what all you have made of it".

Mr Chapman takes treachery in earnest and is not afraid of driving his viewpoint through to an uncompromising conclusion. Even the setting, in the garden of Rees's Thames-side home (magically realized in Bob Crowley's assembly of semi-reflective plastic and pressed foliage), strikes the note of Elgarian patriotism.

Unfortunately, the queasy writhings of an uncommitted fellow-traveller do not easily lend themselves to theatrical character; and, no matter what they reveal about the postwar political conscience, Rees himself remains a largely passive figure. He even refers to himself as Mr Nobody. And none of the Welsh aggression Anthony Andrews puts into the role can conceal the fact that, for most of the time, he is on the receiving end: trying to keep Burgess's friendship without endangering his job at All Souls; trying to preserve his marriage while keeping the truth from his wife; and only escaping compromise in the final scene with Blunt.



Donald Cooper

Forster's dictum renounced "after what all you have made of it": Goronwy Rees (Anthony Andrews, right) tackles Anthony Blunt (David Horovitch)

Another disadvantage is that the action is laid out in this sequence more to serve a political argument than to advance a plot. Why, for instance, does Burgess descend on Rees's home and take him into his confidence when Rees is now nothing more than an old pal? Why does Burgess's flight throw him into a panic as if he too were involved?

Of the other characters, Burgess is written as a teasing, outrageous queen, and played with scene-stealing flamboyance by Ian Ogilvy, who gets full shock value from the one moment when he drops the badinage and erupts in political passion. Blunt, a weary intruder in the household, is beautifully played by David Horovitch as a figure of old-maidish dignity who involuntarily shows his panic in asking whether Rees has passed any secrets to his wife. Allan Strachan's production presents a clear line of thought through the evasions of the dialogue; as for feelings, Jenny Quayle projects believable distress as the bewildered child bride.

Irving Wardle

Beneath One Banner
Cumbernauld

Touring a play about the Orange and the Green around Scotland and Ireland may sound a little like lugging burning coals to Newcastle — neither place needs much reminding of the tenacity of the divisions. This, though, is precisely the scheme for 7:84 Scotland's latest production: a piece of misty subversive expediency building on the inflammatory nature of the subject-matter in both places to re-focus on just what the opposition is.

Shaun McCarthy's new play shows us the development of divisions in a small Scottish pit town in the mid-19th century, when the employers draft in a group of famine-struck Irish families to work the pits, so forcing the hand of the local striking miners (the contemporaneity of the content needs little stressing). It could have been remorsefully worthy. In fact it is a very funny, successful example of one sort of political theatre: a canny combination of the light-hearted and the heavy-handed, the subtle and the unsubtle, handled with a measure of self-irony.

McCarthy applies little detail to the divisions between the Orange and the Green themselves. His concern is the source of division, and his message that divisions in the labour force — be they orange/green or whatever else — lend power to the arm of those in charge, who actively encourage them. Not exactly a new theme, nor dealt with in depth, but given new energy by McCarthy's witty use of 19th-century melodrama, running a thin line between embracing it and parodying it.

David MacLennan's production keeps the pot boiling. Thoroughly enjoying the constant confrontations, a degree of stagey sentimentality and blends of the soft Irish and sharp Scots idioms, he puts them to good effect, abetted by the cast. They adopt their cameo characters with agile humour, entering into the clichés while pushing across glimpses of the painful reality behind them: Doreen Cameron's resiliently parsimonious Scots mother scrimps to feed her children; Nora Connolly's perky, pretty Irish redhead loses her virtue for her father's whiskey, while he, your huge, drinking, heart-of-gold Irishman (Iain McColl), has turned alcoholic to escape reality. Blind fanaticism meanwhile is belittled on both sides by the comically pompous stereotypes who purvey it. Here the boss really is the villain of the piece, and Finlay Welsh's McNab issues commands to his ambitious young *agent provocateur* with a cold, glittering relish that has you searching for the trap-door.

It is a production that occasionally runs foul of its own staginess, strong on punch, weak on depth — but its irresistible vitality and humour carry it home, without blunting the urgent edge of McCarthy's undoubted angry cynicism.

Sarah Hemming

Concert

Dmitri Alexeev
Elizabeth Hall

The responsibility of being the leading Soviet pianist of the younger generation has occasionally seemed to weigh heavily on Dmitri Alexeev. Brilliant technique has always been evident, but sometimes his interpretations have sounded too sober-spirited. And some puzzlingly low-profile career choices, for a Leeds Competition winner with limited opportunities to impress western audiences, have hardly aided his cause.

This recital of Chopin's 24 Preludes and Four Ballades at least allowed tantalizing glimpses of a more extrovert Alexeev. There was genuine passion evident in the way he maintained the mercurial pattern-figuration of Prelude No 8 while driving on the underlying melody, and the sense of obsessional power he drew from No 15's repeated-note passages was compelling. But in other respects this performance fell some way short of his wonderful Chopin Waltzes recording issued last year — a recording which revealed his potential to join the highest rank of Russian Chopin interpreters.

In the EMI studios, of course, movements can be repeated until the technical and interpretative elements coincide in perfection. If only Alexeev could have taken a second shot at some of the preludes here; we might have heard a more controlled account of the fiendish No 16 than this frantic, jittery scamper, where the upper passagework was increasingly swamped by desperately aggressive left-hand chords and heavy pedalling. On the other hand we might also have lost the spontaneous nobility of his phrasing in the celebrated A major Prelude, No 7.

That prelude also demonstrated, in miniature, Alexeev's unusual rubato style, tending to extend gaps between phrases rather than varying the tempo within them. It is a technique which at times seems to package Chopin's passions a little too neatly.

But his ability to highlight inner detail, to vary the distribution of weight where passages are repeated, and to shape more extended paragraphs persuasively, were all demonstrated in the Ballades. The F minor, opening with beautifully veiled tone and rising to a thoroughly convincing apotheosis, offered the evening's most expressive playing right at its conclusion.

Richard Morrison

David Robinson reports on Hungary's National Film Festival in Budapest

Malaise so vividly experienced

It is a tribute to the Hungarian cinema that, even in its off years, its films still so acutely reflect the sense and spirit of the instant. Everyone admits that there has just been an off year, and some reasons are obvious. Money is tight; the global production budget has remained unchanged through several inflationary years, but the state still looks for the same quantitative output (though in 1985 the usual number of 20 films fell to 17). The film industry has undergone drastic reorganization, and more time has been taken up with bureaucratic affairs than preparation of scenarios. Accidentally, the world-class directors, Szabo, Jancsó and Makk, are between productions.

There are deeper psychological considerations. Hungarians, more than their socialist neighbours further east, are as much afflicted as the West by the universal anxieties of a difficult era. The socialist world, at a crisis-point of change and future uncertainty, has its special worries (*Pravda* has just criticized the new Hungarian economic policies, and that is the kind of thing that has everyone on tenterhooks).

Malaise, in fact, is the name of the game. And it is nowhere so vividly captured as in a new film by Ferenc Andreás, ironically entitled **The Great Generation**. Still only in rough-cut, and officially assigned to 1986-87 production, this was certainly the best on view at the Hungarian National Film Festival in Budapest. It is the story of a group of friends who graduated together in the heady atmosphere of 1968, and in 1986 have hit forty. The return of the one-time hero of the group from emigration in the USA is the catalyst that brings to the surface all their disillusion, disappointments and self-hatred. They recognize that their own example is now corrupting their children. Two old men, from the generation that these 40-year-olds might be expected to suspect and even despise, meet and tell each other "At least we were honest". Andreás's film, though, glows with the honesty of self-criticism.

Zsolt Kézdi-Kovács's **The Absentee** is also a bold attempt to analyze the malaise. The ordinarily courteous Budapest audience was vocal in its dislike of the film, which probably reflects the unsparing perspicacity of its best parts rather than some shortcomings in the cast and over-ambition in the writing. The action is sprung when the hero, a pilot in the agricultural air service, crashes his plane while using it to pursue a parting lover. Grounded and awaiting trial, he explores with the people around him alternative paths of spiritual escape — the materialism of the new economic system, love, sex, renewal of his marriage, mysticism, hobbies — but finds all of them dead ends.

The most controversial study of the national unease however was Péter Gothár's **Time**. Gothár is easily the most brilliant of the youngest generation of directors. His first film, *A Priceless Day*, took the Venice Golden Lion for the best début work, and his second, *Time Stood Still*, received innumerable international awards, including the prize for the most promising film-maker at last year's Tokyo Festival. Working with a young novelist, Péter Esterházy (of the authentic Esterházy clan), he presents a surrealist vision of a young family's nightmare holiday. Their fortnight beside Lake Balaton throws them into contact with the past (the hotel caretaker is a sinister survivor from the dark Fifties) and the future (at the end of the film the father is an old man and his child grown up). The targets of this surreal satire are evidently more apparent to Hungarians, but there is no ignoring the belligerence of this explosive, puzzling film.



Paradoxically the year's most exportable film for the universal human interest of its story: Pál Zolnay's *Embryos*

Nor, for all its unevenness, is there any doubt of the talent in György Szomjas's **The Wall Driller**, a satire about the private enterprise system — the hero gets ahead with an electric drill and sex-appeal — and the mores of an apartment-house complex.

The new opportunities for private enterprise also provide the theme of Pál Erdöss's **Countdown**. Fine performances in neo-documentary style are somewhat vitiated by the heavy-handed moral about the dangers, psychological and economic, of going it alone.

Pál Zolnay employs a comparable neo-documentary style in **Embryos**. Evidently made on a minimal budget, using video techniques, this is paradoxically the year's most exportable film for the universal interest of its story: the dilemma of an unmarried woman contemplating abortion is made the more piquant since she herself is a gynaecologist. The outstanding merit of this modest, highly accomplished film lies in the performances of two actresses. Erzsébet Gaál and Kati Lázár, who might be players from a work by Bergman.

Perhaps reflecting the national jury's reservations about the feature films, the main prize of the festival went to a multi-part documentary series by Sándor Sára which portrays the history of postwar Hungary through the changing fortune of a stud-farm. Another notable documentary of the year, Pál Schiffer's **Cowboys**, was more immediately critical: a *ciné-vérité* study of 18 months in the lives of five young people involved in the ups and downs of a less than efficient agricultural co-operative.

There is perhaps a lesson for the Hungarian cinema in the rousing — indeed riotous — reception accorded to two dismally inept comedies (*Healthy Eroticism* and *The Enchanted Dollars*) and a charmingly naive teen film (*Love Till First Blood*). The audience's enthusiasm for these and for any American import clearly indicates a vacuum to be filled. Much as we critics esteem Hungarian film-makers for the role they have assumed as the nation's moralists, it is at their peril that they neglect or underestimate the need, if they are to reach their audience, to be entertainers too.

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United Biscuits bought a further 6.14 per cent of Imperial Group, taking its holding up to 14.9 per cent, the maximum takeover rules permit. UB bought 8.8 per cent on Monday when it launched its record £2.4 billion bid. Rothschild Asset Management sold 6.3 million Imperial shares or 0.8 per cent.

Imperial has not yet recommended UB's bid. It is seeking guarantees on employee rights and an acceptable management structure.

There is no prospect of the rival £2.27 billion bid from Hanson Trust being recommended. Hanson has until the end of this week to declare whether it reserves its options to raise its bid.

Amoco offer

Amoco, the oil company, is issuing $200 million (£141 million) of 9¾ per cent 30-year Eurobonds at par, the lead manager, Morgan Stanley International, said yesterday. Guaranteed by Amoco Corporation, the senior bonds will mature on March 20, 2016. Amoco is the first corporate borrower to issue 30-year fixed-rate Eurodollar bonds, following the World Bank's pioneering 30-year issue in December.

Bid deadline

The Takeover Panel has redrawn the timetable for Argyll's £2:3 billion bid for Distillers after the reference to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission of the rival bid from Guinness. The 39th day, after which Distillers cannot release new significant information, will be next Friday, and the 60th day, when the bid must close finally, will be Friday, March 14.

PPL placing

J Henry Schroder Wagg has placed 2,068,000 shares at 145p in PPL, a software company which designs and markets mainframe and minicomputer software packages, and which is valued at £8.9 million. Application has been made for PPL's shares to be listed on the Stock Exchange. PPL's broker is Cazenove.

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Banks in

The Japanese finance ministry has approved applications by three more foreign banks to set up trust banking subsidiaries there. They are Chemical Bank of the United States, and Switzerland's Union Bank and Credit Suisse.

Interest plan

Deutsche Bundesbank, the West German central bank, says in its latest monthly report that its recent open market operations signalled to market participants its intention to hold key interest rates on the money market at present levels levels.

Designer link

The British Institute for Interior Design says it has had an approach from the Society of Industrial Artists and Designers about a possible merger. No formal discussions have started.

Elders buy

Elders Finance Group, a subsidiary of Elders DXL, the Australian company, has agreed to buy the financial services activities of Rudolf Wolff, the commodity broker.

$750m issue

Sumitomo Trust and Banking's London branch has arranged to issue $750 million (£528 million) in certificates of deposit through a group of dealers.

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Surprise surge in revenue boosts public surplus

By Sarah Hogg, Economics Editor

The public sector swung sharply into surplus in January, cutting its borrowing requirement for the first 10 months of 1985-86 to only £3.2 billion.

Publication of figures showing a net repayment of £4.5 billion in January, roughly twice the figure forecast by the markets, had an immediate impact on interest rates. Money market rates eased by up to 5/16 per cent yesterday, with three-month inter-bank rate falling 5/16 per cent to 12⅝-12½ per cent at yesterday's close.

January normally sees a seasonal swing into surplus in the public sector's accounts, with a sharp increase in tax payments, and this year's figures were boosted modestly by the receipt of £439 million of the 1984 rebate of Britain's contributions to the European Community, plus £70 million of the 1985 rebate.

But the main explanation for the size of the surplus is that the surge in tax receipts was much larger than expected. This is now said to be explained both by stronger-than-forecast company profits and increased penalties on late payments of income tax.

Inland Revenue receipts, at £10.5 billion in January, were a full £2.3 billion higher than in the same month of last year. Over the first 10 months of 1985-86, total Consolidated Fund Revenue was 10.5 per cent higher than in the previous year. Inland Revenue receipts were £5.8 billion higher than in 1984-85, and Customs and Excise receipts were £2 billion higher. Higher VAT revenues are said to reflect a change in the pattern of consumer spending, towards proportionately more purchases of VAT-rated goods.

By contrast, public spending seems to be remaining fairly comfortably in line with the Government's forecasts. Total consolidated fund expenditure was 6 per cent higher than the previous year during the first 10 months of 1985-86, which suggests a more modest rise in total public expenditure after due allowance for privatization receipts.

The January figures are dominated by the central government surplus. Central government borrowing on its own account was cut to only £2.7 billion during the first 10 months of this year, compared with £5.7 billion in the same period of 1984-85 and £6.3 billion in the same period of 1983-84. Local authorities' contribution to the PSBR amounted to £500 million during the first 10 months of this financial year.

PUBLIC SECTOR BORROWING REQUIREMENT
Cumulative figures

	1983-84 £billion	1984-85 £billion	1985-86 £billion
April	1.2	2.4	1.8
May	2.4	3.6	2.7
June	3.2	4.6	2.6
July	3.9	5.1	3.2
August	5.6	6.8	4.4
September	6.9	7.4	5.6
October	7.1	8.0	5.3
November	8.5	9.6	6.0
December	9.8	10.2	7.7
January	7.1	7.8	3.2
February	7.5	7.7	
March	9.7	10.1	

The public sector can be expected to swing back into deficit before the end of the financial year, as public spending departments use up what is left of their annual budgets. Revenue figures can also be expected to weaken, as the first effects of the fall in oil prices show through. Although the most recent decline will not affect revenues until the next financial year, the pre-Christmas cut will affect March revenues.

However, the Government's forecast of an £8 billion PSBR for the full financial year (raised from its original estimate of £7 billion) now looks comfortable. The Treasury is not prepared to re-estimate the figure in advance of the Budget on March 18, and has even then been known to misforecast the final result by as much as £2 billion.

Former Dunlop chief wins top position at Lloyd's

By Alison Eadie

Mr Alan Lord, who was group managing director of Dunlop, the tyres group, from 1980 to 1984, has been appointed chief executive and deputy chairman of Lloyd's insurance market, succeeding Mr Ian Hay Davison.

He has been appointed on a five-year contract with the same terms of reference as Mr Davison and on not less than Mr Davison's salary of £120,000 a year. His appointment has been approved by the Governor of the Bank of England and is effective from March 1.

Mr Lord left Dunlop when Sir Michael Edwardes joined the board in November 1984. Sir Michael's arrival heralded the famous night of the long knives, when Mr Lord resigned along with Sir Maurice Hodgson, chairman of Dunlop Holdings, three other executive directors and four non-executive directors.

When asked yesterday if he thought he was sufficiently tough to do the job at Lloyd's, Mr Lord said yes and cited the fact that he had sadly had to make 8,000 Dunlop employees redundant to save the remaining jobs.

Mr Lord said his priorities in the new appointment would be first to learn about the insurance market, second to get the administration running smoothly, and third to continue the process of regulation and maintain the momentum of reform of the Davison regime. Mr Lord has no experience of the insurance industry and is not a "name" at Lloyd's.



Alan Lord: emphasis on administration

Mr Peter Miller, chairman of Lloyd's, paid tribute to Mr Davison, saying it was "fitting and proper to record publically the deep sense of debt Lloyd's owes to Mr Davison in the evolution of a successful system of self-regulation".

Mr Davison announced his intention to resign from Lloyd's last November when he felt that the council of Lloyd's was trying to curb the powers of the chief executive Soon after his resignation, Mr Miller said the terms of reference of the chief executive would not be downgraded.

The disagreement stemmed from the setting up in September of a working party, under the chairmanship of Sir Kenneth Berrill — who is a nominated member of Lloyd's council as well as chairman of the Securities and Investment Board — to examine the administrative structure of Lloyd's and to look at the function of the chief executive. The working party was set up after an embarrassing £22 million accounting error was discovered in the corporation's annual accounts.

Mr Lord's emphasis on administration is a reflection of the council's priorities and the new needs of Lloyd's in moving to a new building and setting up new and increasingly sophisticated computer systems.

Mr Lord held several public appointments with the Treasury, Inland Revenue and Department of Trade and Industry before moving to Dunlop in 1977. He is resigning all his outside appointments to take up his Lloyd's job. These include a non-executive directorship of the Bank of England and Johnson Matthey Bankers, and of Allied-Lyons.

Yorkshire Bank recovers

By Richard Thomson
Banking Correspondent

Yorkshire Bank, the North of England retail bank, yesterday announced a strong recovery in pretax profits last year after the end of the miners' strike, and said its confidence in miners' "loyalty and integrity" had proved entirely justified.

Last year's £44.8 million pretax profits were 30 per cent up on 1984.

There were also 200,000 new deposit accounts to bring the total to over 1 million.

Mr Graham Sunderland, general manager, praised the miners — an important core of the bank's customers — as responsible borrowers eager to repay their loans.

In 1984, the bank's profits dropped by £2 million from the previous year, largely because striking miners could not make loan repayments and were living on their savings.

Mr Sunderland said: "At December 1985, most branches in the affected areas reported an almost complete recovery and only a handful of miners remained in the non-performing category".

The improvement added up to £2 millllion to the bank's profits and allowed it to cut its bad debt provisions from £10.7 to £9.1 million.

The bank said the "business sector in these areas will take some time to recover completely" but more miners' wages were now being paid directly into their bank accounts.

Since the strike ended, the bank had rescheduled the majority of its 11,000 loans to miners.

Profits were further helped by the sale of most of the bank's leasing interests, reducing its exposure from £129 to £18 million, and by a change in accounting standards on depreciation of property and computer hardware.

Mr Sunderland said the underlying profits growth was around £5 million.

The bank would now concentrate on more aggressive lending to small and medium-sized businesses and planned to commit £100 million to mortgage lending in the coming year.

It was becoming harder to attract new deposit accounts and the leasing sale gave the bank an unacceptably high liquidity level.

Franchising likely to expand in UK

By Derek Harris, Industrial Editor

Franchising, while having growth potential in Britain, can still be very risky.

A new financial survey* of franchising by Jordans, the information service, shows some companies in the sector see only a short-lived period of growth. However, it also shows there is a broad range of success, with some companies showing consistently high levels of profitability.

Franchising turnover last year is estimated to have been £1.7 million. There are thought to be up to 240 franchisors in Britain, they are the organizations with a business format whose use is effectively licensed to a franchisee.

The average number of units for franchisors is 37 which means there are some 8,300 franchised outlets altogether in the country.

The survey's figures on turnover and other estimates are rather higher than in other earlier surveys but the rate of growth in franchising here over the past five years has been considerable with the industry almost doubling in size in the past two years

If franchising trends in Britain follow the United States pattern there is much potential growth still, the Jordans survey reports . In the US franchising accounts for a third of retail turnover with sales last year of $530 billion (about £373 billion).

Few franchise operations in Britain have saturated their market , according to the survey. As they do so they are likely to use their expertise to develop additional formats. An example is Prontaprint, the instant printing chain, which developed Poppies, a franchised domestic and industrial cleaning service.

Meanwhile, financing of franchise operations appears to be getting easier. The high street banks recognize franchising as a growth area and some have managers specializing in the sector.

Financing of franchisees has not been the main worry of the British Franchise Association; is has been more anxious about the lack of backing for franchisors

The industry is watching the progress of Franchise Investors Ltd (FIL), launched in the middle of last year as Britain's first investment fund specializing in providing finance and expertise for franchisors. FIL, whose backers include a number of City institutions, was launched with funds of £1.25 million.

The British market is relatively undeveloped, as Jordans points out, which explains why it has attracted the attention of operators in countries — notably the US

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Daisy chain tension subdues oil trade

By Michael Prest, Financial Correspondent

Oil traders the world over have gathered in London this week for their annual industry binge, the Institute of Petroleum Week.

But their normally raucous jollity has a forced air about it this year, for looming over the festivities like a North Sea storm is the turmoil in the Brent daisy chain market.

Several oil traders are bound to go out of business, and uncertainty about the financial soundness of many others has severely disrupted trading in this free-wheeling market.

But wider policy issues have also been raised. Should an almost unregulated market in so important and politically sensitive a commodity be allowed? Will traders abandon the treacherous North Sea waters for the calmer reaches of regulated and recognized futures markets such as the International Petroleum Exchange in London and the New York Mercantile Exchange? Or can an acceptable degree of order be brought to the daisy chain market?

The daisy chain takes its name from the string of traders who sell to or buy from each other on paper a cargo of Brent crude. Although the business is done on paper, there must ultimately be physical delivery of the underlying cargo.

The market started in the late 1970s as a way of trading marginal quantities of oil. As the market grew, informal agreements between traders who knew each other were replaced by written contracts, which vary significantly. So it remained essentially a "gentlemen's market", unlike the formalized IPE and NYMEX futures markets. The daisy chain contract is for a cargo of 600,000 tonnes, worth about $10 million (£7.14 million) at today's prices. Delivery times can be as general as a particular month, but the loading time of the cargo must be specified by the ultimate contract holder in the daisy chain by 5pm on the fifteenth day at the latest before the tanker "fills" at BP's Sullom Voe terminal. Critically, payment terms can vary greatly.

In the last few years, three factors have made this largely paper market increasingly attractive. First, for North Sea producers who pay tax at the marginal rate of 80 per cent on production, the daisy chain is a way of minimizing tax by selling into the chain and buying the oil back at a lower price.

Second, the abolition last year of the British National Oil Corporation's right to buy 51 per cent of British sector North Sea output left smaller traders and producers without a natural customer. They resorted to the daisy chain, with crucial consequences: chains grew much longer, and delivery times stretched

Third, the violent fall in oil prices to barely $16 a barrel provided a temptation few speculators could resist. But it has also been their undoing.

Mr Timothy Morgan, oil analyst at stockbrokers WICO Galloway & Pearson, argues that what upset the market was not the price fall as such but a dramatic switch in the price relationship between Brent and West Texas Intermediate (WTI).

Texan traders heard of the plan by Mr Donald Regan, the US Treasury Secretary, to tax oil imports into America. They bought WTI in the belief that it would rise, and sold Brent in the belief that it would fall. Holders of contracts to buy WTI and sell Brent thus faced heavy losses.

Nobody is sure how much is at stake. But an indication can be gleaned from the position for delivery next month. A total of 300 March Brent deals, some dating from last year, averaging $21.15 a barrel would gross the shorts, or sellers, $800 million. Correspondingly, that is other peoples' losses. The nervousness of the market is illustrated by March Brent falling yesterday to $15.60.

Executive Editor Kenneth Fleet

Bid fervour sustains the equity market

Lower interest rates would not do the equity market any harm, especially at a time when doubts about its continuing strength are creeping in. The mood is dominated by bid fever, with yesterday's offer for Granada by the Rank Organisation the latest of what still promises to be a continuing line. High priced paper is a positive stimulus to takeover minded boards so the two forces interact to keep the market buoyant.

Rank-Granada provides another example of the law of equal and opposite reasoning. Having advertised that it was available to be taken over and provisionally endorsing the approach from Ladbroke, the Granada board when faced with Rank has done an instant 180 degree turn.

Yet the logic of merging with Rank is at least as powerful as merging with Ladbroke and the house styles of Rank and Granada are more akin. Alex Bernstein made a grave miscalculation when he agreed to talk with Cyril Stein: he believed that in a Granada-Ladbroke group, he not Cyril would be in the saddle.

Cyril Stein is not however a natural second in command: the talks thus foundered. With Sir Patrick Meaney at Rank, Alex Bernstein has a much better chance, and I suspect that given the right financial terms from Rank, appropriate understandings at board level would eventually pave the way for an agreed merger.

Not that Pat Meaney is a pushover. After a traumatic experience losing Thomas Tilling to BTR (surely the most rewarding takeover of the decade), he has done a first class job in restoring Rank to a credible and financially robust company.

Institutional fund managers have rarely had it so good. The only serious risk to their health for the time being is timing: if they abandon the equity market too soon, their boards would have their manhood.

As the end of this bull market has been predicted for at least a year, those fund managers who have remained positive are congratulating themselves on their prescience; but realising how easily they might have been tempted to respond to bearish talk, horribly prematurely as it would have proved, has made them even more eager to move only with the crowd.

Thus the market has scarcely felt affected by the sea of troubles through which Mrs Thatcher is endeavouring to steer her leaking Government. Neither the pull of overseas havens; nor high real returns in the fixed-interest market; nor the lure of property have had anything but a temporary effect in diverting attention from UK equities.

As long as virtually any company is for sale — a belief incidentaly much encouraged by the Prime Minister's positive attitude to the sale of Westland and the possible disposal of parts of British Leyland to American buyers — these are likely to remain the market's order of priority.

PSBR data boost gilts

The Government Broker produced the equivalent effect in the market of one-hand clapping yesterday by refusing to appear at 3.30, after January PSBR figures which various traders described as either too good to be true or too true to be good.

The real ultra-sophisticates out there on the pitches had, of course, been selling the market hard round about 3pm, trimming exuberant gains in the longs back to about a point on the day. Nevertheless, the tone of the market at the close was still optimistic despite the storming advances which have been made before and after St Valentine's Day.

On this basis, the Government Broker was probabaly wise not to appear with extra funding instruments. Leaving the market to its own devices, rather than leading it on or tamping it down via taps, points towards the development of a trading structure at current yield levels, something which the authorities would probabaly encourage.

Plainly, rate cuts are in the air. The more hot-headed of the analysts talk breezily of a 1 point cut in the offing. The movement of three-month inter-bank rates was significant yesterday in this context. Ahead of the PSBR numbers, it was down to 12 5/8 per cent, and it eased a further 1/8 point during the afternoon, boosted by the authorities' generosity towards the money markets.

Against a shortage of £300 million, the authorities supplied total credit, via bill purchases, of £287 million, following this up with £85 million of late assistance towards the discount houses.

Even after such help, however, yesterday's rate structure was still only endorsing current base rates of 12½ per cent, and not, in the market's collective judgement, demonstrating any great desire for an immediate downward move in base rates. Sterling, for some, was telling much the same story. The currency pushed up through chart resistance points against the dollar, touching $1.43. But at a fraction over 74 on the trade-weighted, it is hardly storming away against the rest of the world. Hot money seems to be easing, rather than crashing, into London so far this week.

But the picture could look radically different in three days' time. While London was receiving a useful boost from improved fundamentals yesterday, New York was sagging on profit-taking. At one point, the US long bond was 3/4 point ahead, with yields down to 8.90 per cent. But the stock failed to hold these levels.

This is an intriguing point of weakness, since the Japanese authorities appeared yesterday to move towards correcting the acute imbalance in the yen-dollar rate by sanctioning a more relaxed regime over capital outflows. Theoretically, New York bonds should benefit from this. Their relative weakness suggests that some traders have decided the Fed is not going to ease its monetary stance. And Fed funds did firm yesterday by mid-session.

London could still find itself playing reluctant host to cash outflows from New York, and this could give the question of rate cuts heightened imminence, to say the least. But yesterday's measured response to good numbers leaves the authorities in good heart. The Treasury, in particular, must be feeling pleased. By making the analysts look foolish twice so far this month with their forecasts, the mandarins are making a point about high City salaries far more subtly than the rumblings from No 10.

The Trans-Oceanic Trust PLC

The Annual General Meeting was held at 36 Old Jewry, London EC2 on Tuesday, 18th February, 1986.

The following is a summary of the Report by the Directors for the year ended 31st October, 1985.

	1985	1984
Total Revenue	£2,609,935	£3,770,967
Revenue after taxation and expenses	£1,447,750	£1,239,830
Earnings per Ordinary Share	3.96p	3.38p
Ordinary dividends for the year net per share	3.85p	3.20p
Net asset value per 25p Ordinary Share	193.5p	193.3p

Overseas investment income was substantially lower in the year, following liquidation of the Company's bond portfolio; deposit interest received was also reduced as the sterling deposit held as part of a currency hedging arrangement matured. The fall in income from these sources was more than offset by a reduction in interest payable following repayment of currency borrowings financing both the bond portfolio and the currency hedging.

Schroders

Managed by Schroder Investment Management Limited

The Company aims to achieve a balanced growth of income and capital while maintaining a substantial proportion of assets overseas.

Copies of the Report and Accounts are available from the Secretaries, J. Henry Schroder Wagg & Co. Limited, 36 Old Jewry, London EC2R 8BS

Bankruptcy fear at energy firm

Denver, Colorado (AP-Dow-Jones) – Energy Management Corporation said yesterday it was seeking protection under Chapter 11 of the Federal Bankruptcy Code, and cited $24 million (\$17 million) in unsecured debt and the continuing slide in oil prices.

Under Chapter 11, a company continues to operate with court protection from creditors' lawsuits while it works out a plan to repay its debts.

The energy concern said it was under no pressure from its creditors to file for the protection. It said it owed two banks – which it refused to identify – about $10 milion in secured debt. Energy Management also owes holders of two debenture issues about $24 million in unsecured debt. It added that it was not in default on its bank debt or bonds.

In nine months, the company has had a net loss of $5.8 million on revenue of $6.5 million. Earlier this month, Energy Management was de-listed by the American Stock Exchange because it did not meet the exchange's requirements.

Meanwhile in California, federal regulators took control of American Diversified Savings Bank, a savings and loan (S&L) institution with $977 million in assets, after declaring it insolvent.

It was the sixth federal takeover of an S&L this year, and the third in California, a spokesman for the Federal Home Loan Bank Board said.

Federal regulators contracted with Pacific Savings Bank, another S&L based here, to manage American Diversified. Regulators said the S&L would continue to operate during customary hours and its deposits would continue to be insured by the Federal Savings and Loan Insurance Corporation. American Diversified's only S&L office is in Lodi, California.

A bank board statement said the S&L had suffered a "significant dissipation of assets and earnings", had violated federal regulations and directives, and was operating in an unsafe and unsound condition.

American Diversified, a state-chartered stock institution, is 96 per cent owned by its chairman, Mr Ranbir Sahni, and 4 per cent owned by its president, Mr Lester Day, the bank board spokesman said. Neither Mr Sahni nor Mr Day could be reached for comment.

According to the bank board, Mr Sahni acquired the S&L in 1983, when it had $11 million in assets, and "embarked on a course of explosive growth"

Drop in liftings cuts Venezuela oil export

Caracas, (AP-Dow Jones) – Venezuela's exports of crude oil averaged less than 1.2 million barrels a day in January, according to an official at Petroleos de Venezuela.

This was due to a reduction in liftings at the end of the month. The volume of January crude sales fell below the country's target level of 1.41 million barrels a day.

Oil ministry and Petroleos officials say Venezuela plans to make up for the lost sales through sales in the coming months from crude stocks held at its storage facilities in Venezuela and the island of Curacao.

Venezuela has storage capacity to hold about 20 million barrels of crude at local terminals.

"There has been no change in our production levels," Dr Juan Chacin Guzman, vice president of Petroleos, the state oil concern, said.

The Venezuelan Government last week granted Petroleos the authority to adapt prices to the realities of international market levels.

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

	Market rates day's range February 17	Market rates close February 17	1 month	3 months
N York	1.4163-1.4215	1.4200-1.4215	0.53-0.51prem	1.62-1.59prem
Montreal	1.9767-1.9837	1.9802-1.9837	0.06pr-0.04dis	0.31-0.19prem
Ams'dam	3.7442-3.7612	3.7516-3.7577	2⅛-1⅞prem	6½-6⅜prem
Brussels	67.84-68.10	67.90-68.05	16-8prem	33-22prem
C'phgen	12.2319-12.2572	12.2319-12.2548	4⅜-3⅞prem	11⅝-10⅝prem
Dublin	1.0967-1.1025	1.0977-1.0987	24/43dis	73/110dis
Frankfurt	3.1346-3.3280	3.3153-3.3256	2⅛-2prem	6⅝-6½prem
Lisbon	215.82-217.77	216.12-217.77	270-560dis	590-1510dis
Madrid	209.01-209.39	209.02-209.39	35prem-5dis	10prem-120dis
Milan	2255.40-2265.16	2258.93-2265.16	7-11dis	30-34dis
Oslo	10.3429-10.3872	10.3475-10.3656	⅛-⅜dis	1⅝-2⅜dis
Paris	10.1690-10.2175	10.1926-10.2106	⅛prem-⅛dis	4⅛-6⅛dis
St'khlm	10.5037-10.5230	10.5037-10.5219	⅛-⅛prem	3⅜-2⅝prem
Tokyo	255.04-258.86	255.67-258.15	1⅛-1⅛prem	4⅛-4prem
Vienna	23.20-23.38	23.32-23.36	11⅞-10⅝prem	35⅛-31⅛prem
Zurich	2.7287-2.7533	2.7335-2.7385	2-1⅛prem	6-5⅜prem

Sterling index compared with 1975 was unch at 73.6 (day's range n/a).
Rates supplied by Barclays Bank HOFEX and Extel. *Lloyds Bank International

The pound moved ahead against the dollar, reaching $1.4188 in quiet trading against 1.4145 overnight.

Sterling's value against the mark also advanced, helping the trade weighted index back up slightly.

OTHER STERLING RATES

Argentina austral*	1.1353-1.1376
Australia dollar	2.0272-2.0317
Bahrain dinar	0.5325-0.5365
Brazil cruzeiro*	18463.0-18569.0
Cyprus pound	0.7630-0.7730
Finland marka	7.4385-7.4785
Greece drachma	202.70-204.70
Hong Kong dollar	11.075-11.086
India rupee	17.40-17.60
Iraq dinar	n/a
Kuwait dinar KD	0.3980-0.4020
Malaysia dollar	3.4928-3.4968
Mexico peso	626-675
New Zealand dollar	2.6369-2.6487
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.1530-5.1930
Singapore dollar	3.0374-3.0418
South Africa rand	2.9433-2.9579
U A E dirham	5.1840-5.2240

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Ireland	1.2890-1.2910
Singapore	2.1410-2.1425
Malaysia	2.4620-2.4630
Australia	0.6968-0.6998
Canada	1.3955-1.3965
Sweden	7.4000-7.4050
Norway	7.2970-7.3040
Denmark	8.6250-8.6300
West Germany	2.3385-2.3395
Switzerland	1.9260-1.9275
Netherlands	2.6415-2.6430
France	7.1850-7.1900
Japan	180.20-180.30
Italy	1591.3-1592.8
Belgium(Comm)	47.82-47.87
Hong Kong	7.8065-7.8085
Portugal	152.50-153.50
Spain	147.15-147.30
Austria	16.44-16.46

MONEY MARKETS AND GOLD

Base Rates %
Clearing Banks 12½
Finance House 12

Discount Market Loans %
Overnight High: 12½ Low 12
Week fixed: 12½

Treasury Bills (Discount %)
Buying: 2 mnth 12 9/16; 3 mnth 12½
Selling: 2 mnth 12 1/16; 3 mnth 12 1/32

Prime Bank Bills (Discount %)
1 mnth 12 11/32-12 9/16; 2 mnth 12⅞-12 9/16
3 mnth 12 9/16-12½; 6 mnth 11⅞-11¾

Trade Bills (Discount %)
1 mnth 12 31/32; 2 mnth 12⅞
3 mnth 12 13/16; 6 mnth 12½

Interbank (%)
Overnight: open 12½ close 12½
1 week 12⅛-12½; 6 mnth 12⅛-12½
1 mnth 12 13/16-12⅜; 9 mnth 12 9/16-12 7/16
3 mnth 12 13/16-12 11/16; 12 mth 12⅜-12⅝

Local Authority Deposits (%)
2 days 12½; 7 days 12½
1 mnth 12½; 3 mnth 12½
6 mnth 12⅝; 12 mth 12½

Local Authority Bonds (%)
1 mnth 13⅛-13; 2 mnth 13⅛-13
3 mnth 13⅜-12⅞; 6 mnth 12⅜-12⅞
9 mnth 13⅛-12⅞; 12 mth 12⅞-12½

Sterling CDs (%)
1 mnth 12⅜-12⅝; 3 mnth 12⅜-12⅝
6 mnth 12 7/16-12 5/16; 12 mth 12⅜-12 3/16

Dollar CDs (%)
1 mnth 7.80-7.75; 3 mnth 7.85-7.80
6 mnth 7.85-7.80; 12 mth 8.00-7.95

EURO MONEY DEPOSITS %

Dollar
7 days 7 13/16-7 11/16; call 8⅛-7⅞
3 months 8.00; 1 month 7 15/16
6 months 8.00

Deutschmark
7 days 4 9/16-4 7/16; call 5-4
3 months 4 9/16-4 7/16; 1 month 4 9/16-4 7/16
6 months 4 9/16-4 7/16

French Franc
7 days 9⅞-8⅞; call 10-9
3 months 14⅛-14⅛; 1 month 12⅜-11⅞
6 months 13⅜-12⅞

Swiss Franc
7 days 1⅞-1⅛; call 2½-1½
3 months 3 13/16-3 13/16; 1 month 3⅛
6 months 4-3⅞

Yen
7 days 6 7/16-6 1/16; call 6-5
3 months 6⅛-6; 1 month 6 5/16-6 1/16
6 months 6-5⅞

GOLD

Krugerrand* (per coin): $333.50-335 (£235-236)
Sovereigns* (new): $80-81 (£56.25-57)
*Excludes VAT

ECGD

Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance Scheme IV Average reference rate for interest period January 8, 1986 to February 4, 1986 inclusive: 13.077 per cent.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

Three Month Sterling	Open	High	Low	Close	Est Vol
Mar 86	87.31	87.35	87.28	87.34	1206
Jun 86	87.80	87.89	87.80	87.89	336
Sep 86	88.42	88.48	88.42	88.48	102
Dec 86	88.71	88.76	88.71	88.77	43
Previous day's total open interest 11632					
Three Month Eurodollar					
Previous day's total open interest 19958					
Mar 86	92.01	92.08	92.01	92.06	2196
Jun 86	92.03	92.12	92.03	92.10	3518
Sep 86	91.90	91.97	91.90	91.95	410
Dec 86	91.72	91.74	91.72	91.75	180
US Treasury Bond					
Previous day's total open interest 3684					
Mar 86	86-29	87-22	86-29	87-17	9931
Jun 86	86-05	86-25	86-05	86-19	0
Sep 86	NT				0
Short Gilt					
Previous day's total open interest 1213					
Mar 86	95-30	95-35	95-28	95-34	378
Jun 86	NT			96-00	0
Sep 86	NT				0
Long Gilt					
Previous day's total open interest 8080					
Mar 86	110-12	110-30	110-08	110-29	5215
Jun 86	111-06	111-09	111-08	111-18	101
Sep 86	NT			112-06	0
Dec 86	NT			112-06	0
FT-SE 100					
Previous day's total open interest 2150					
Mar 86	148.00	148.50	147.50	147.85	185
Jun 86	NT			149.45	0

COMMODITIES

LONDON COMMODITY EXCHANGE
Rubber in p per kilo: Soyabean meal, coffee and cocoa in £ per tonne; Gas-oil and sugar in US$ per tonne.
G W Joynson and Co report

SUGAR (Raw) No. 6 16.40

Mar	151.0-50.8
Jun	157.2-57.0
Aug	163.8-63.6
Oct	167.8-67.2
Dec	unquoted
Oct	unquoted
Vol	492

COCOA

March	1640-39
May	1646-45
July	1677-76
Sept	1709-07
Dec	1741-40
March	1772-68
May	1792-809
Vol	1312

COFFEE

March	2335-2330
May	2389-2385
July	2455-2450
Sept	2533-2520
Nov	2590-2580
Jan	2635-2625
March	2685-2660
Vol	4016

SOYABEAN

Feb	unquoted
April	135.4-35.2
June	132.5-32.2
Aug	130.5-30.0
Oct	130.8-30.5
Dec	133.0-32.0
Feb	135.0-32.5
Vol	298

GAS OIL

March	166.50-68.0
April	151.00-50.75
May	146.50-46.00
June	144.50-44.25
July	144.50-44.25
Aug	144.50-43.00
Sept	148.00-45.00
Oct	158.00-41.00
Nov	164.00-44.00
Vol	2433

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE
Unofficial prices
Official Turnover figures
Price in £ per metric tonne
Silver in pence per troy ounce
Rudolf Wolf & Co. Ltd. report

COPPER HIGH GRADE	
Cash	986.00-987.00
Three months	1014.5-1015
Vol	3400
Tone	Steady
STANDARD CATHODES	
Cash	970.00-971.000
Three Months	1005-1007
Vol	Nil
Tone	Idle
TIN	
Cash	Suspended
Three Months	
Vol	
Tone	
LEAD	
Cash	257.00-258.00
Three Months	267.00-267.50
Vol	1000
Tone	Quiet
Zinc Standard	
Cash	412.00-417.00
Three Months	—
Vol	Nil
Tone	Idle
Zinc High Grade	
Cash	427.00-428.00
Three Months	437.00-438.00
Vol	1700
Tone	Steady
Silver Large	
Cash	414.00-415.00
Three Months	427.00-427.10
Vol	11
Tone	Steady
Silver Small	
Cash	414.00-415.00
Three Months	427.00-427.10
Vol	Nil
Tone	Idle
Aluminium	
Cash	777.00-778.00
Three Months	804.00-804.50
Vol	4250
Tone	Steady
Nickel	
Cash	2775-2780
Three Months	2850-2851
Vol	526
Tone	Steady

MEAT AND LIVESTOCK COMMISSION
Average fatstock prices at representative markets on February 17

GB: Cattle, 97.10p per kg lw (+1.01)
GB: Sheep 185.45p per kg est d c w (+6.86)
GB: Pigs, 74.96p per kg lw (+1.02)

England and Wales: Cattle nos. up 4.4 %, ave. price, 97.31p(+1.12) Sheep nos. down 7.0 %, ave. price, 186.07p(+7.27) Pig nos. up 7.1 %, ave. price, 74.92p(+1.02)

Scotland: Cattle nos. up 18.4 %, ave. price, 95.54p(+0.31) Sheep nos. down 11.2 %, ave. price, 183.07p(+5.13) Pig nos. down 13.0 %, ave. price, 78.44p(+0.40)

LONDON GRAIN FUTURES
£ per tonne

Month	Wheat Close	Barley Close
March	116.00	113.40
May	119.25	116.95
July	120.80	...
Sept	99.25	97.05
Nov	102.30	100.55
Jan	106.05	104.10

Volume: Wheat 261; Barley 54

LONDON MEAT FUTURES EXCHANGE
Pig contract p. per kilo

Month	Open	Close
March	103.3	105.0
April	103.0	102.8
May	102.5	101.5
June	102.0	101.4
July	102.3	102.0
Aug	102.8	100.4

Vol: 6

LONDON POTATO FUTURES
£ per tonne

Month	Open	Close
April	91.00	90.30
May	96.40	97.40
Nov	75.50	75.50
Feb	84.10	84.08
April	97.50	96.80

Vol: 195

BALTIC FREIGHT INDEX
G.N.I. Freight Futures Ltd report $10 per index point

	High/Low	Close
April 86	880.0-870.0	874.0
July 86	768.5-760.0	760.0
Oct 86	874.0-870.0	871.0
Jan 87	—	877.5
April 87	—	950.0
July 87	—	840.0
Oct 87	—	925.0
Jan 88	—	935.0

Spot 770.5
Vol: 177 lots

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

1985 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross div pence	Yld %	P/E
101	87	Atlas	101	●+1	3.1h	3.1	38.1
696	580	Alliance	693	-2	26.1n	3.8	38.0
155	118	Amer Trust	138	+1	4.3	3.1	34.8
306	245	Ang Amer Sec	305	+4	8.1	2.6	55.1
160	123	Ashdown	160	● ..	4.4	2.8	50.5
120	88	Atlantic Assets	109	..	0.8	0.7	..
108	83	Bankers	108	● ..	3.8h	3.6	40.6
194	152	Berry	174	..	1.5	0.9	..
57	47½	Br Assets	55½	-½	2.7	4.8	31.8
33¾	25	Br Empire Sec	32½	..	0.7	2.2	44.5
377	312	British Inv	377	+2	20.9h	5.5	23.1
85	64	Brunner	84	●-1	3.1h	3.7	38.2
89	72	Charter Agency	88	●-1	3.3h	3.8	37.9
695	525	Continental	690	-5	30.0h	4.3	32.9
178	119	Crescent Japan	164	-1	0.5	0.3	..
116	97	Derby Inc	116	●+2	12.0	10.3	13.9
127	95	Do Cap	115	..	..	..	..
330	264	Drayton Cons	318	-2	14.3	4.5	31.3
151	112	Drayton Far East	151	..	1.6	1.1	..
503	348	Drayton Japan	502	+6	3.5n	0.7	..
528	363	Drayton Premier	514	+2	18.2	3.5	40.1
199	160	Dundee Lon	186	..	7.7	4.1	33.1
118	89	Edin Amer Asset	108½	+½	0.9	0.8	78.1
132	103	Edinburgh	132	..	4.6h	3.5	44.4
311	254	Electric Gen	310	..	5.6h	1.8	70.6
142	114	English Int	141	-1	5.0	3.5	41.7
80	65	English Scot	79	-1	1.9	2.4	56.4
121	91	English NY	121	+1	3.6	3.0	47.6
128	85	Ensign	125	-1	2.0	1.6	69.4
97	76	F & C Alliance	95	..	2.5	2.6	53.7
166	122	F & C Pacific	164	+2	1.8h	1.1	36.5
248	186	Family	243	+6	11.3h	4.7	35.2
295	242	First Scot Amer	292	..	12.8h	4.4	41.1
185	80	First Un Gen	120	..	8.7	7.3	10.1
580	415	Fleming American	530	● ..	8.2	1.5	81.4
333	235	Fleming Claver	300	●+3	14.5	4.8	28.9
298	233	Fleming Enterprise	290	●+2	12.9	4.4	35.5
109	76	Fleming Far East	97½	..	1.5	1.6	96.5
116	100	Fleming Fledgling	116	● ..	3.6	3.1	44.6
580	405	Fleming Japan	552	+2	5.7	1.0	..
132	105	Fleming Mercantile	128½	-½	4.3	3.3	41.7
134	100	Fleming Overseas	131	● ..	3.9	3.0	43.4
163	120	Fleming Tech	151	+1	3.3	2.2	64.3
353	268	Fleming Universal	350	-3	7.1h	2.0	42.7
77½	59	For Col	77	..	2.0h	2.6	58.2
121	91	GBC Capital	95	..	..	..	..
185	115	GT Japan	140	●-1	2.0h	1.4	95.9
148	97	General Funds	140	-5	2.9	2.1	67.0
295	230	General Cons	295	+7	15.9h	5.4	25.9
125	103½	Glasgow Stock	124	+1	3.3	2.7	50.6
322	251	Globe	320	-1	14.5	4.5	30.7
146	110	Govett Atlantic	137	-1	4.0	2.9	42.7
161½	127	Govett Oriental	158	..	3.3	2.1	59.8
202	152	Govett Stratgy	202	+1	5.1	2.5	52.4
270	202	Greenfriar	262	● ..	2.4	0.9	..
275	220	Gresham House	230	..	6.3	2.7	28.4
176	138	Hambros	176	..	6.1	3.5	41.0
282	228	Hill (P)	275	..	13.8	5.0	28.2
558	448	Invest-in Success	558	+2	7.8	1.4	97.2
254	208	Inv Cap	247	● ..	6.6	2.7	62.7
62	41	Japan Assets	51½	+1	0.1	0.2	..
196	162	Law Debenture	186	..	8.8h	4.4	28.8
86	60	Lon Merchant Sec	69	-1	3.2	5.3	15.4
69	56	Lon Trust	68	..	6.1n	9.0	23.1
108	85	Merchants	107	..	5.4h	5.0	35.9
179	133	Monks	178	-1	3.4h	1.9	78.5
135	105	Murray Income	134	..	7.7	5.7	25.2
147	112	Murray Intl	147	+1	6.4n	4.4	32.7
245	153	Murray Small	246	..	3.9n	1.6	..
333	268	Murray Venture	326	..	7.9	2.4	53.6
408	354	New Court	395	..	20.4	5.2	27.4
77	59	New Darien Oil	59	-2	0.5	0.8	..
178	153	928	170	+1	6.7	3.9	31.0
54	37	Nwthrog Inc 83	50½	..	4.2n	8.3	18.0
243	157	New Tokyo	214	+1	1.1	0.5	..
324	245	Nth Atlantic Sec	313	+2	4.9	1.6	87.2
123	70	Nth Sea Assets	72	+1	0.7	1.0	80.7
305	227	Nthn Amer	305	+3	7.7	2.5	56.8
153	126	Outwich	153	..	4.4	2.9	44.3
101	62	Pacific Assets	75	..	..	..	..
43	30	Do Wrnts	35	..	..	..	..
45	32	Personal Assets	40	..	0.3	0.8	..
367	292	Raeburn	344	● ..	15.0	4.4	34.9
154	125	River & Merc	154	+1	7.9h	5.1	30.6
244	198	River Plate	232	-2	10.7	4.6	32.2
233	168	Robeco	226	+1	..	..	..
198	150	Rolinco	198	+2	..	..	..
290	228	Romney	275	+2	6.8h	2.5	61.5
12¾	10	Rorento	212½	..	..	..	..
124	98	St Andrews	123	..	4.1	3.3	41.7
318	235	Scottish	312	+1	8.5	2.7	63.8
285	211	Scot American	281	+1	9.4	3.3	39.5
98	73	Scot Eastern	96	..	2.9h	3.0	51.1
440	345	Scot Mtge	438	-2	10.7h	2.4	54.0
285	204	Scot Nat	265	+2	6.9	2.6	49.5
418	354½	Scot Merc 'A'	418	+2	25.0	6.0	21.0
598	500	Second Alliance	598	..	24.8	4.1	34.9
144	108	Sec Of Scotland	143	-1	6.9h	4.8	34.0
76	61	Smaller Cos	73	+2	1.7h	2.3	42.2
38½	32	Stewart Enterp	38	..	0.6	1.6	..
100	75	TR Australia	90	+2	3.1	3.4	31.7
104	76	TR City Of Lon Dfd	103	● ..	5.6h	5.4	28.9
173	137	TR Ind & Gen	171	-2	5.4h	3.2	45.4
255	197½	TR Natural Res	214	..	10.7	5.0	27.2
111	79	TR North America	98	-1	2.6h	2.7	49.7
148½	111	TR Pacific Basin	134	+1	1.4h	1.0	..
153	129	TR Property	152	-1	5.3	3.5	37.8
102	78	TR Tech	102	..	2.5	2.5	56.7
152	124	TR Trustees	151	..	6.3h	4.2	35.3
145	111	Temple Bar	145	..	7.1h	4.9	29.4
264	211	Throgmorton	254	● ..	11.9	4.7	30.4
333	248	Throg Secured Cap	305	+2			
169	137	Trans Oceanic	168	●+1	5.5	3.3	42.1
120	103	Tribune	120	+1	3.9	3.3	34.4
82½	72½	Triplevest Inc	81½	..	14.7	18.0	8.7
235	188	US Debenture	233	+1	9.3h	4.0	34.4
82	52	Wang Resources	52	..	2.2h	4.2	41.7
86	61	Westpool	65	●	2.2	3.4	46.8
110	84	Winterbottom Energy	89	●+1	3.3	3.7	37.9
179	139	Witan	176	-1	4.2	2.4	63.6
300	259	Yeoman	300	+4	13.7h	4.6	30.9

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross div pence	Yld %	P/E
585	260	Akroyd & Smithers	585	+5	25.0	4.3	14.2
57½	28¾	American Express	£43¾	+1⅛	..	..	..
43	19	Argyle	35	..	1.4	4.0	16.7
95	35	Boustead	35	..	—	..	94.6
155	88	Britannia Arrow	142	-1	6.0	4.2	16.1
17½	880	Daily Mail	£17⅝	● ..	68.3	3.9	12.4
17⅝	850	Do 'A'	£17⅝	● ..	68.3	4.0	12.3
142	113	Electra	137	..	5.4	3.9	34.8
101	73	Eng Trust	101	●+2	4.0	4.0	14.0
248	176	Exco	209	+2	4.5	2.2	18.7
85	60	Exploration	78	..	3.6	4.3	12.4
425½	350	Framlington	420	-5	7.1	1.7	19.5
98	55	Frost Gp	92	..	5.7	6.2	12.7
105	44	Goode (D & M)	96	●	2.5	2.6	26.7
11	578	Henderson Admin	£11⅛	+⅛	25.7h	2.3	18.2
186	163	ICH	175	+4	12.9	7.4	7.2
405	300	MAI	330	..	22.9h	6.9	8.7
875	368	M & G	780	●-10	21.4	2.7	23.7
389	217	Mercantile House	289	●+5	18.9	6.5	8.0
113	75	Pacific Inv Tst	99½	+½	0.5	0.6	81.2
41	15	Do Warrants	21½	+1½	..	..	..
211	83	Smith Brothers	173	+4	9.3	5.4	20.2

Prices on this page refer to Monday's trading.

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	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
ABBEY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 80, Holdenhurst Rd, Bournemouth BH8 8AL 0345 717373 (Linkline)				
Gilt & Fixed	110.1	116.5	+0.8	10.30
High Inc Equity	83.0	88.2●	+0.6	5.61
Worldwide Bond	171.7	184.0	+0.9	5.27
American Growth	149.8	159.3●	+2.3	1.85
Asian Pacific	43.7	46.9	+0.1	2.67
Assets & Earns	88.0	94.1	-0.1	1.75
Capital Reserve	60.8	61.1	+0.1	..
Comm & Energy	65.1	70.7	-0.4	1.19
European Capital	74.7	79.4	+0.1	1.89
General	124.4	133.0●	..	3.20
Japan	59.0	63.1	+1.1	..
UK Growth Inc	82.7	88.9	+0.3	1.73
Do Accum	118.4	127.3	+0.4	..
US Emerging Co's	59.7	64.3	+0.4	0.40
Equities Progress	180.0	191.7	+0.3	3.98
Masterst.Acc	55.0	58.5	+0.3	1.71
ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TRUSTS Allied Dunbar Centre Swindon SN1 1EL 0793 610366 & 0793 28291				
First Trust	201.2	214.3c	+0.1	3.57
Growth & Income	120.4	128.2	-0.1	3.58
Capital Trust	211.8	225.6	-0.1	2.91
Balanced	322.2	343.1	..	3.43
Accum Trust	493.2	525.2	-0.6	3.23
American Income	29.7	31.6●	+0.3	4.27
High Income Tst	221.1	235.5	+0.7	5.10
Equity Income	118.6	126.3●	+0.4	5.19
High Yield	126.7	134.9	+0.6	6.15
Govt Secs Trust	28.4	29.6	+0.3	9.73
International	69.8	74.3●	+0.7	1.35
Japan Fund	75.2	80.1	+1.1	0.01
Pacific Trust	132.5	141.1	+1.9	1.27
Amer Spcl Sits	64.1	68.3	+0.9	1.20
Secs Of Amer Tst	195.0	208.7	+2.3	0.67
Ald Asset Value	198.4	211.3	+0.3	3.57
Gilt Growth	34.0	35.4	+0.3	3.19
Smaller Co's	105.7	112.6●	+0.3	2.91
2nd Smaller Co's	140.9	150.1	+0.5	2.67
Recovery Trust	70.4	75.0	+0.3	2.49
Met Min & Cmdty	81.6	86.9	+0.2	2.26
O'seas Earnings	166.7	179.7	-0.1	3.29
Technology Tst	89.1	94.8	+0.4	0.94
Income Exempt	109.6	116.4●	+1.0	6.10
Exempt Smaller Co's	198.1	210.0	+0.4	2.98
USA Exempt Trust	318.3	337.4	+4.8	1.42
ARBUTHNOT SECURITIES 131, Finsbury Pavement, London EC2A 1AY 01-628 9876 01-280 8540/1/2/3				
Capital Growth Inc	51.6	55.1	+0.1	1.92
Do Accum	57.7	61.7	-0.1	1.92
Eastern & Intl	106.2	113.5	+1.0	1.76
Do 6% Withdrawal	58.5	62.5	+0.5	1.76
Finance & Property	54.2	57.9	-0.2	2.50
Gilt & Fixed Income	44.4	46.7●	+0.5	9.33
Do Accum	73.5	77.3●	+0.8	9.33
High Income Income	64.4	68.8●	+0.3	5.93
Do Accum	149.4	159.7●	+0.7	5.93
High Yield Income	64.7	69.1	+0.3	8.60
Do Accum	165.0	176.4	+0.6	8.60
Intl Inc	65.8	70.3	+0.2	2.60
Do Acc	67.1	71.7	+0.2	2.60
Do 5% Withdrwl	63.8	68.2	+0.2	2.60
Managed Fund	55.4	59.4	-0.1	..
Preference Income	26.2	28.0	+0.1	11.54
Do Accum	81.7	87.3	..	11.54
Smaller Co's Income	113.7	121.6	+0.4	1.72
Do Accum	122.6	131.1	+0.4	1.72
World Penny Share	8.9	9.5	..	1.43
Portfolio Tst UK	66.6	71.2	-0.2	1.77
Portfolio Tst Japan	71.0	73.5	+1.2	0.10
Portfolio Tst US	72.4	75.0	+0.6	1.07
Portfolio Tst Europe	88.5	91.7	..	0.10
Portfolio Tst HK	42.8	44.4	-0.1	0.10
BAILLIE GIFFORD 3, Glenfinlas St, Edinburgh EH3 6YY 031-225 2581 (Dealers:031-226 6066)				
Intl Ex (22)	379.4	395.9	..	1.28
Japan Ex (43)	245.1	255.4●	..	0.34
UK Ex (31)	177.2	189.5	..	1.49
P'sal Pens Intl	388.8	388.2	..	..
P'sal Pens UK	147.1	154.9	..	..
BG America	153.4	163.2	+0.4	0.58
BG Energy	109.6	116.6	+0.7	1.74
BG Income Grwth	167.6	178.3	+1.7	5.46
BG Japan	129.7	138.0	+2.3	0.00
BG Technology	162.6	173.0	-1.5	1.96
BALTIC TRUST MANAGERS 25/26 Albemarle Street, London W1X 4AD 01-491 0295				
American	48.8	52.2●	+0.4	0.84
Australian	18.3	19.6	+0.3	2.96
Japan & General	76.2	81.5	+2.2	0.22
High Income	41.0	43.9	-1.5	8.17
International Trust	70.9	75.9	+0.1	1.14
Income Gth Tst	43.0	45.1●	+0.3	4.55
Gilts & Fixed Int	66.2	70.7	+0.7	8.07
Global Markets	33.4	35.6	+0.9	2.08
Special Situations	40.7	43.6	+0.2	1.54
BARCLAYS UNICORN Unicorn House, 252, Romford Rd E7 01-534 5544				
America	83.4	88.7	+0.7	2.38
Aust Accum	132.4	140.8	-1.4	1.76
Do Income	94.9	100.5	-0.9	1.76
Capital	82.1	86.0●	+0.1	3.31
Exempt Trust	384.3	408.8	+2.3	4.12
Extra Income	65.1	69.2	+0.7	5.85
Financial	206.6	219.7	-0.2	3.50
500	230.5	245.2●	+1.6	3.52
General	125.4	133.3	+0.5	3.35
Gilt & Fixed Inc	50.2	52.5●	+0.3	10.38
Japan & Gen Inc	123.9	131.8	+1.6	0.62
Do Acc	125.2	133.1	+1.5	0.62
Growth Accum	161.0	171.2	-0.1	2.71
Income Trust	294.1	312.8●	+2.6	3.91
Leisure Trust	73.6	78.2●	+0.6	1.75
Special Situations	124.1	132.0	+0.4	2.72
Recovery	166.7	177.3	+0.1	2.86
Trustee Fund	96.3	102.4	+0.6	3.27
Univ Tech Accum	48.7	51.8	+0.3	0.60
Do Income	48.4	51.4	+0.2	0.60
Worldwide Trust	136.0	144.6●	+1.4	1.16
'B' Tst Inv Fund Acc	283.1	301.1	+0.6	3.69
Do Inc	185.8	197.4	+0.6	3.69
BARING FUND MANAGERS PO Box 156, Beckenham, Kent BR3 4XQ 01-658 9002				
Australia	49.3	52.7	+0.2	0.80
Eastern	45.2	48.3	..	0.80
Europe	91.8	98.1s	+0.4	0.50
Growth & Inc	56.3	60.5s	..	2.30
Do Accum	84.9	91.2s	+0.4	2.30
First Japan	61.3	66.5	+0.8	0.30
Japan Special	75.3	80.5●	-0.1	0.30
Japan Sunrise	74.8	79.7	-0.4	0.30
First Smaller Co's	58.3	62.6s	+0.1	2.70
First Europe	82.5	88.2	..	0.80
First N Amer	48.4	51.7	+0.4	3.40
BARRINGTON MANAGEMENT 59, Gresham St, London EC2P 2DS 01-606 4433				
Planned Inv	107.2	114.1	..	2.56
European Inc	75.8	78.7s	-0.1	1.31
Do Accum	92.9	97.5s	-0.1	1.31
General Inc	138.3	145.0●	+0.6	3.70
Do Accum	184.5	196.3●	+0.6	3.70
Gilt Yield Inc	107.3	110.6	+0.8	10.05
Do Accum	165.8	170.8	+1.0	10.05
High Yield Inc	73.8	78.6	+0.4	6.36
Do Accum	143.9	153.1	+0.7	6.36
Japan Income	181.1	192.7	+3.2	0.30
Do Accum	181.6	193.5	+3.3	0.30
N American Inc	46.0	49.0s	+0.3	1.02
Do Accum	53.2	56.6s	+0.3	1.02
Pacific Income	107.3	112.9	+0.3	0.53
Do Accum	120.6	128.6	+0.4	0.53
Smlr Co's Inc	65.5	69.7	+0.1	2.29
Do Accum	77.0	82.0	+0.2	2.29
BRITANNIA UNIT TRUST 74-78 Finsbury Pavement London EC2A 1JD 01-588 2777 Dealing 01-638 0478/9 MoneyGuide 0800-010-333				
Growth Gilt	55.9	56.8	..	1.10
Intl Recovery	95.2	101.5	+0.5	2.21
Smaller Co's	123.9	132.2●	-0.1	1.59
UK Growth	34.9	37.2	-0.2	2.12
Extra Inc	55.1	58.6●	+0.1	7.73
Gilt	25.0	26.3	+0.2	7.93
Inc & Growth	182.3	194.5	+0.6	4.51
Nat High Inc	179.8	191.6	+1.5	4.93
Pref Shares	18.3	19.5●	..	10.10
Commodity	128.7	137.3	-0.4	2.80
Financial Secs	40.1	42.8	-0.2	2.41
Gold & Gen	19.1	20.6	+0.1	2.85
Intl Leisure	15.4	16.4	+0.1	1.11
Prop Shares	53.1	56.6	..	1.51
Univ Energy	41.4	44.2●	..	0.88
World Tech	43.9	46.8	+0.3	0.67
Amer Growth	96.5	102.9	+0.9	3.11
Amer Income	57.4	61.2	+0.3	5.67
Amer Smaller Co's	23.9	25.5	+0.1	1.87
Aust Growth	65.2	69.5	-0.6	0.51
Euro Smaller	13.2	14.1	+0.2	0.41
Far East	37.6	40.1	+0.4	1.17
Hong Kong Prf	24.4	26.0●	+0.2	3.58
Intl Growth	32.0	34.1	+0.1	2.07
Japan Perf	45.8	48.9●	+1.3	..
Japan Smaller	13.3	14.2	+0.3	..
Exempt	71.8	75.2	+0.3	3.86
Exempt Market	64.7	67.7	..	4.14
BROWN SHIPLEY 9-17, Perrymount Rd, Haywards Heath 0444 458144				
BS Fund Income	53.2	56.9●	-0.2	4.26
Do Accum	89.1	95.4●	-0.3	..
Financial	110.0	118.3●	-0.3	2.12
Growth Accum	169.2	181.1	+1.8	..
Do Income	109.2	116.8	+1.3	2.01
High Income	57.7	62.0	+0.3	7.04
Income	67.3	72.3	+0.5	5.84
North American	57.2	61.6	+0.6	1.20
Orient	60.5	65.1	+1.0	0.20
Recovery	31.5	33.7	+0.4	3.31
Technology	135.8	146.6	-0.1	0.60
German	30.0	32.0	-0.5	2.00
BUCKMASTER MANAGEMENT The Stock Exchange London EC2P 2JT 01-588 2868				
General Inc (4)	185.3	194.5	..	4.12
Do Accum (4)	291.9	306.3	..	4.12
Income Fund (3)	86.8	91.4	..	5.20
Do Accum (3)	149.2	157.0	..	5.20
Intl Inc (2)	110.3	115.1c	..	2.38
Do Accum (2)	144.8	150.8c	..	2.38
Smaller Inc (5)	924.4	988.9	..	2.80
Do Accum (5)	976.1	1044.2	..	2.80
CS FUND MANAGERS 125, High Holborn, London WC1V 6PY 01-242 1148				
CS Japan Fund	60.3	64.1	+1.9	0.34
CANNON FUND MANAGERS 1, Olympic Way, Wembley, HA9 0NB 01-902 8876				
Growth	252.7	268.8	+1.8	3.47
Income	288.3	306.7	+2.0	4.96
Far East	141.9	150.4	+1.0	0.69
North American	136.4	145.1	+1.1	0.82
CAPEL (JAMES) MANAGEMENT 100, Old Broad St, London EC2N 1BQ 01-621 0011				
Capital (3)	315.1	331.7	..	1.98
Income (3)	243.9	256.8	..	5.18
North American (3)	255.7	269.2	..	1.47
CATER ALLEN 1, King William St, EC4N 7AU 01-623 6314				
Gilt Trust	96.1	102.2●	+0.7	11.88
CENTRAL BOARD OF FINANCE OF CHURCH OF ENG 77 London Wall EC2 1DB 01-588 1815				
Inv Fund	386.05		..	4.84
Fixed Int	132.55		..	10.79
Deposit			..	11.70
CHARITIES OFFICIAL INVESTMENT FUND 77, London Wall, London EC2N 1DB 01-588 1815				
Income	328.66		..	5.38
Accum	951.77		..	..
CLERICAL MEDICAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS Narrow Plain, Bristol BS2 0JH 0272 277719				
General Equity	33.5	35.8	..	..
Equity High Income	36.0	38.3	+0.2	..
Gilt & Fixed Int Gth	26.6	28.3	+0.4	..
Index Securities	23.2	24.7	..	..
COUNTY BANK UNIT TRUSTS 161, Cheapside, London EC2V 6EU 01-726 1999				
Capital Accum	252.0	268.0	+0.3	1.95
Energy Trust	41.1	43.7●	+0.1	5.46
Extra Income	143.3	152.4	+0.1	5.73
Financial	131.7	140.1●	+0.2	2.58
Gilt Strategy	54.4	56.0	+0.1	1.92
Growth Investment	251.2	267.2●	-0.5	2.90
Income & Growth	38.3	38.6●	..	4.94
Japanese & Pacific	105.6	112.3	+2.2	0.01
Nth Amer Growth	95.8	101.7	+0.8	2.32
Intl Recovery	100.5	106.9●	+0.4	3.81
Smaller Co's	180.5	192.0●	+1.0	1.95
Global Inc Tst	51.6	54.8	+0.2	6.46
CROWN UNIT TRUST SERVICES Crown House, Woking GU21 1XW 04862 5033				
High Income Trust	204.2	218.4	+0.5	5.86
Growth Trust	195.9	209.5●	-0.5	3.44
American Trust	122.2	130.7	+0.4	0.77
EFM UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 4, Melville Crescent, Edinburgh 031-226 3492				
American Fund	66.3	70.9	+1.1	1.20
Capital Fund	77.1	82.5	+0.9	2.05
Growth & Inc Fund	119.5	124.5●	+0.2	4.51
High Dist Fund	92.4	98.8	+0.9	6.83
International Fund	171.6	182.7	+1.9	1.22
Resources Fund	19.8	21.1	-0.2	2.13
Smllr Jap Co's Fnd	28.2	30.1	+0.5	0.10
Tokyo Fund	120.3	128.7	+2.5	0.19
(Ex) Amer (2)	132.7	137.0	..	2.19
(Ex) Japan (3)	90.8	93.4	..	0.29
(Ex) Pacific (4)	213.0	219.9	..	1.84
(Ex) Smaller Jap (4)	163.0	168.3	..	0.10
Eurofund	23.3	24.9	-0.1	4.02
EAGLE STAR UNIT TRUST MANAGERS Bath Road, Cheltenham, Gloucester GL53 7LQ 0242 521311				
UK Balanced Inc	58.9	62.7	-0.1	3.19
Do Accum	58.6	62.7	-0.1	3.19
UK Growth Accum	63.1	67.3	-0.1	1.86
UK High Inc Inc	57.8	61.7	+0.4	5.67
N American Accum	61.8	65.9	+1.0	1.52
Far Eastern Accum	60.5	64.5	+0.8	0.78
European Accum	65.6	70.0	+0.3	1.25
UK Gilt & FI Inc	49.0	52.3	+0.4	9.86
Do Accum	49.0	52.3	+0.4	9.56
EQUITABLE UNITS ADMINISTRATION 35, Fountain St, Manchester 061-236 5685				
Equitable Pelican	67.0	71.2●	-0.3	3.59
High Income Trust	64.2	68.3	+0.1	5.72
Gilt & Fixed Int	48.5	51.7●	+0.5	9.23
Tst Of Inv Trusts	58.8	62.6●	..	1.94
Special Sits Trust	68.9	73.4	+0.3	2.57
Nth Amer Trust	53.6	57.1	+0.5	1.95
Far Eastern Trust	61.8	65.8	+1.0	0.82
EQUITY & LAW St. George Hse Corporation St. Coventry CV1 1QD 0203 553231				
UK Growth Accum	131.4	139.7	..	3.74
Do Income	115.5	122.8	..	3.74
Higher Inc Accum	208.6	221.9	+1.0	5.10
Do Income	170.8	181.7	+1.0	5.10
Gilt/Fixed Accum	92.8	97.6	+0.9	2.96
Do Income	80.4	84.6	+0.8	2.96
Nth Amer Tst Accum	132.0	140.4	+0.9	0.33
Far East Tst Accum	110.8	117.8	+1.4	0.74
Euro Tst Accum	130.8	139.1	..	0.96
General Trust	208.4	221.7	+0.3	3.02
F & C UNIT MANAGEMENT 1, Laurence Pountney Hill, London EC4R 0BA 01-623 4680				
American Fund	72.4	77.5	+0.8	0.27
Capital Fund	102.1	109.2	+0.5	0.42
Income Fund	69.3	74.2	+0.1	5.28
Far Eastern Fund	62.8	67.2	+1.0	0.40
Overseas Income	62.8	67.2	+0.5	4.06
Fixed Interest	53.4	58.8	+0.4	9.69
Natural Res Fund	45.7	48.9	-0.5	4.07
European Income	58.6	63.8●	..	3.86
FIDELITY INTERNATIONAL River Walk, Tonbridge, TN9 1DY 0732 362222				
American	94.6	101.2	+0.8	0.87
Amer Equity Income	30.8	33.0●	+0.2	5.11
Amer Special Sits	48.0	51.1	+0.2	0.45
Far East Inc	26.9	30.8	+0.2	3.37
Gilt & Fixed Int	28.3	29.5	..	9.66
Growth & Income	86.3	92.4	..	4.78
Japan Special Sits	30.8	32.8●	+0.2	..
Japan Trust	90.5	96.3	+0.9	..
Managed Int Tst	118.9	125.1	+0.8	0.31
Max Income Equity	66.3	71.3	..	5.86
Professional Gilt	29.6	31.5●	..	2.84
South East Asia Tst	26.9	28.7	-0.1	0.23
Special Sits	129.0	138.8	..	1.28
FLEMING (ROBERT) 8, Crosby Sq, London EC3A 6AN 01-638 5858				
American Exempt	£347.5	355.0	..	1.61
Japan Exempt	£278.0	284.6	..	1.50
Am Property Tst	$10795.0		..	7.75
Property Trust	£2087.0		..	6.10
FRAMLINGTON MANAGEMENT 3, London Wall Bldgs, London Wall, London EC2M 5NQ 01-628 5181				
Amer & Gen Inc	224.8	239.0	+1.8	0.56
Do Accum	229.6	244.2	+1.9	0.56
Amer Turnarnd Inc	212.4	225.8	+2.4	1.20
Do Accum	219.0	232.8	+2.6	1.20
Capital Tst Inc	179.4	190.8	+0.6	3.09
Do Accum	214.0	227.6	+0.7	3.09
Conv & Gilt Inc	80.0	85.0	+0.2	6.23
Do Accum	104.4	111.0	+0.2	6.23
Extra Inc Tst Inc	135.6	144.2●	+0.4	5.03
Do Accum	144.2	153.4●	+0.5	5.03
Income Trust	102.8	109.2	+0.4	4.69
Do Accum	106.6	113.4	+0.3	4.69
Intl Growth Fd Inc	152.2	161.8	+1.2	0.00
Do Accum	169.0	179.6	+1.2	0.00
Japan & Gen Inc	66.2	70.4c	+0.5	0.18
Do Accum	66.8	71.0c	+0.6	0.18
Monthly Income Fd	66.4	70.6●	+0.5	5.30
Recovery	117.0	124.4●	+0.4	2.05
Do Accum	126.6	134.6●	+0.4	2.05
FRIENDS PROVIDENT MANAGERS Pixham End, Dorking, Surrey 0306 885055				
FP Equity Dist	180.8	191.3	-0.3	2.84
Do Accum	298.6	315.9	-0.4	2.84
FP Fixed Int Dist	104.4	111.6	+0.6	6.44
Do Accum	118.2	124.2	+0.6	6.44
Stewardship Dist	148.3	157.4	-0.3	2.34
Do Accum	152.9	161.6	-0.4	2.34
FUNDS IN COURT Public Trustee, Kingsway, WC2 01-405 4300				
Capital	304.3	314.7	..	3.04
Gross Inc	133.0	137.8	..	8.42
High Yield	180.1	186.5●	..	6.53
GT UNIT MANAGERS 8th Floor, 8, Devonshire Sq, London EC2M 4YJ 01-283 2575 Dealing 01-626 9431				
UK Cap Fnd Inc	86.0	92.0●	+0.5	2.60
Do Accum	122.4	131.0●	+0.8	2.60
Income Fund	72.7	77.8	+0.6	7.00
Pension Exempt	144.2	151.0●	+1.9	2.40
International	136.2	145.7	-0.7	1.00
US & General	56.1	60.0	+0.1	1.40
Tech & Growth	67.4	72.1	+0.4	1.00
Japan & General	165.6	177.2	+2.6	0.30
Far East & Gen	76.0	81.3	+0.6	1.00
European Fund	208.5	223.1	-1.2	0.70
Germany Fund	61.6	65.9	-0.5	1.00
GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS 2 St Mary Axe, London EC3A 8BP 01-623 1212 Dealing 01-623 5766 Dealing 01-623 5806				
American Trust	92.0	98.4	+0.6	0.00
Australian Trust	19.3	20.5	-0.1	0.42
British Tst Accum	50.3	53.8	-0.1	2.30
Do Dist	44.1	47.2●	-0.1	2.30
Commodity Share	55.1	58.6	..	1.80
European Trust	43.5	46.5●	+0.2	0.71
Extra Income Trust	42.5	45.5	+0.2	5.51
Far Eastern Trust	93.2	99.5	+1.9	0.42
Fixed Interest Fund	24.5	26.1●	..	10.41
Gilt Trust	25.2	26.2	+0.2	10.01
Global Fund Accum	140.2	149.2	+1.1	0.26
Do Dist	133.6	142.2	+1.0	0.25
Gold Share Trust	12.7	13.5	-0.4	2.17
Hedged American	28.1	30.1	+0.3	0.10
High Income Trust	119.9	128.3●	+0.5	5.70
Hong Kong Trust	27.0	28.9●	+0.3	0.87
Income Fund	63.3	67.8●	+0.2	3.85
Insurance Agencies	£41.40	44.82	+0.41	2.27
Japan Trust	101.3	107.9	+1.1	0.00
Managed Exempt	238.4	248.4	-1.2	3.42
Oil & Energy Trust	32.9	35.1●	-0.3	1.02
Special Sit Trust	79.2	84.8	+0.3	1.16
UK Smlr C's Rec Tst	61.4	65.7	..	1.07
GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MANAGEMENT Winchester Hse, 77, London Wall, London EC2N 1DA 01-588 5620				
Intl Growth	69.9	74.7	+0.5	1.85
American Growth	60.5	64.8	+0.8	1.62
American Inc	66.2	70.7	+0.7	6.07
European Growth	167.4	179.0	-0.1	0.25
Gold & Minerals	43.5	48.5	..	1.93
Japan Growth	114.6	122.5	+0.1	0.22
Pacific Income	61.6	65.8	..	4.26
UK Special Opps	72.6	78.0●	+0.6	2.33
GRE UNIT MANAGERS Royal Exchange, EC3P 3DN 01-588 9903				
Gilt & Fixed Int	114.5	119.0c	+0.8	9.85
Growth Equity	180.1	186.0	-0.2	2.26
Guardhill	269.9	279.6●	-0.4	3.03
N American	133.7	142.3	+1.0	2.10
Pacific	160.0	170.3	+2.0	0.59
Property Share	209.6	223.1●	+0.3	1.85
Smaller Companies	184.1	195.9	+1.9	1.89
European Trust	194.4	206.9	-0.8	0.74
GUINNESS MAHON UNIT TRUST MANAGERS PO Box 442, 32 St Mary-at-Hill, London EC3P 3AJ 01-623 9333				
High Income	49.0	52.6●	..	6.02
N Amer Trust	114.4	121.7	+1.3	0.81
Recovery	164.4	174.8	+1.0	2.85
Gilt Trust	38.2	37.5●	+0.4	9.99
St Vincent Inc	74.2	78.5●	+0.3	6.12
St Vincent US Gth	72.6	75.7●	+0.5	0.79
Temple Bar Sm Co's	141.7	149.5	..	3.86
HAMBROS BANK UNIT TRUST MANAGERS Premier UT Admin, 5, Rayleigh Rd, Brentwood Essex 0277 217916				
Hambros Smlr Co's	105.8	112.6●	+0.7	2.30
Hambros N Amer	66.1	70.3	+0.4	0.94
Hambros Jap & F E	88.8	94.5	+1.0	0.48
Hambros Scandvn	68.2	72.5	-0.6	1.06
Hambros European	86.8	92.3	+0.3	1.00
Hambros Canadian	43.5	46.3	+0.1	1.73
Hambros Equity Inc	73.4	78.1	+0.3	5.04
Hambros High Inc	51.9	55.2	+0.2	6.09
Hambros Res Assts	51.5	54.8●	+0.1	3.24
HENDERSON ADMINISTRATION Premier UT Administration 5, Rayleigh Rd. Hutton Brentwood Essex 0277-217238				
Special Sits Inc	114.5	122.6c	..	1.06
Do Accum	160.6	171.8c	-0.1	1.06
Recovery Trust	85.3	91.3●	+0.1	2.68
Capital Growth Inc	50.1	53.6	-0.1	1.38
Do Accum	57.2	61.2	-0.2	1.38
Income Assets	97.7	105.1c	+0.5	4.15
Financial Trust	116.2	124.3	+0.5	2.51
Income & Growth Inc	126.6	135.1	+0.3	3.21
Do Accum	241.2	259.4	+0.6	3.21
High Income Trust	151.4	162.0●	+0.9	5.07
Extra Income	141.3	151.9	+1.0	5.17
Smaller Cos Div	88.3	94.5●	+0.7	5.70
Pref & Gilt	45.0	48.2	+0.2	10.29
Gilt Trust	41.6	44.1●	+0.4	9.75
Fixed Interest Trust	52.9	56.5	+0.2	9.85
Global Healthcare	61.2	64.9	+0.6	0.01
Global Tech	106.6	113.0●	+0.5	0.22
Gold	41.8	44.5	-0.1	1.51
International	147.7	158.8	..	0.38
Global Resources	63.8	68.3●	+0.5	1.55
Worldwide (5)	319.9	336.7	..	3.38
Australian	61.4	65.7	-0.7	0.98
European	202.4	213.1	-0.3	0.81
Euro Smaller Cos	73.4	77.3	+0.4	0.09
Japan Trust	110.2	116.8●	+3.1	0.48
Japan Special Sits	112.6	119.4	+3.0	0.01
Pacific Smaller Cos	80.0	84.2	+0.9	0.79
Singapore & Malay	24.9	26.6●	-0.5	2.26
North American	137.1	148.1●	+1.9	0.61
Amer Smaller Cos	50.5	54.5	+0.1	0.01
Amer Recovery Tst	117.8	127.3	+1.9	1.39
High Income Exempt	107.6	113.3c	+0.3	5.45
Smaller Cos Exempt	105.6	111.2	..	2.96
Euro Exempt	97.9	103.1	..	1.62
Japan Exempt (5)	104.9	110.4●	+1.7	0.96
N Amer	85.1	89.6	+1.0	1.16
Global Tech Ex (5)	87.2	91.8	+1.4	0.15
Pacific Exempt (5)	151.6	159.6	+0.7	1.52
HILL SAMUEL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 45, Beech St, EC2P 2LX 01-628 6011				
British Trust Units	476.1	508.5	-1.7	3.37
Capital Trust Units	88.8	95.6●	..	2.90
Dollar Trust Units	179.3	190.8	+1.7	3.09
European Trust	102.5	109.1●	-0.1	0.90
Far East Trust	99.1	105.5	-1.2	2.25
Financial Trust	324.3	345.1	+0.6	2.67
Gilt Fixed Int Inc	27.6	28.7c	+0.1	10.20
Do Growth	39.3	41.5●	+0.3	3.37
High Yield Trust	55.0	58.6	-0.7	5.90
Income Trust	70.0	74.4	-1.0	5.25
International	108.6	115.6●	+0.7	3.03
Japan Tech Tst	31.5	33.6●	+0.1	0.44
Natural Resources	29.2	31.1	..	2.44
Security Trust	164.4	174.9	-0.4	3.34
Smaller Cos	70.5	75.2	+0.3	1.74
Special Sits	64.3	69.7c	..	2.72
IBI FUND MANAGERS 32, Queen Annes Gate, London SW1H 9AB 01-222 1000				
IBI Brit & O'seas	121.9	129.7	+0.4	1.90
IBI High Income	54.4	57.3	..	9.00
IBI Security Gilt	54.7	57.6	+0.1	2.00
Investment Tst Fnd	61.3	64.5	+0.1	3.50
KLEINWORT BENSON 20, Fenchurch St. London EC3 01-623 8000				
Amer Growth Inc	62.9	66.7●	+0.2	1.22
Do Accum	64.3	68.2●	+0.2	..
Fund Inv Tst Inc	17.9	19.1	+0.2	2.65
Do Accum	22.3	23.9a	+0.1	..
High Yield Inc	112.2	118.9	+0.4	6.00
Do Accum	181.3	192.2	+0.5	..
Int. Recovery Inc	87.2	92.4	+0.7	1.57
Do Accum	91.2	96.7	+0.9	..
Japan Growth Inc	66.4	71.1	+0.2	..
Do Accum	66.7	71.4	+0.3	..
Smaller Co's Inc	132.8	143.4	+0.3	2.18
Do Accum	171.9	185.6	+0.4	..
UK Eq Growth Inc	25.2	26.7a	+0.1	1.66
Do Accum	41.3	43.8●	+0.1	..
Worldwide Tech Inc	39.7	42.5●	+0.1	0.12
Do Accum	39.8	42.7	+0.2	..
L & C UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT Piercy House, Copthall Ave, EC2R 7BE 01-588 2800				
Income Fund	370.4	378.0●	..	5.80
International & Gen	218.7	223.2●	..	0.88
LEGAL & GENERAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 5, Rayleigh Road, Brentwood Essex 0277 234634				
Equity Distribution	243.2	262.2	-0.9	2.33
Do Accum	379.3	405.7	-1.4	2.33
Do Income	53.5	57.2●	..	5.24
European	60.2	64.4●	+0.5	1.29
Far Eastern	61.7	66.0	+0.8	0.61
Gilt Trust	71.1	76.2	+0.7	6.24
Intl Managed	67.1	71.8	+0.3	1.27
Natural Res	44.2	47.3	+0.1	3.72
N American Trust	70.8	75.7●	+0.9	3.65
UK Special Sits	52.9	56.6●	..	2.38
LLOYDS BANK UNIT TRUST MANAGERS Registrars Dpt, Goring-By-Sea, Worthing, W Sussex 0444 459144				
Balanced	163.8	175.2	-0.2	3.23
Do Accum	288.7	309.7	-0.1	3.23
Energy Intl	45.6	48.7●	-0.1	3.90
Do Accum	50.3	53.7	+0.1	3.80
Extra Income	138.2	147.8	+0.8	5.68
Do Accum	244.3	261.2	+1.4	5.68
German Gth Inc	57.0	60.9	-0.1	0.30
Do Accum	57.0	60.9	-0.1	0.30
Income	235.5	251.8	+0.8	4.76
Do Accum	456.9	488.6	+1.6	4.76
Intl Tech	170.3	182.1	+1.4	0.59
Do Accum	177.5	189.9	+1.5	0.59
Japan Growth	53.4	57.1	+0.8	0.02
Do Accum	53.4	57.1	+0.8	0.02
N Amer & Gen	97.7	104.4●	+1.3	1.07
Do Accum	105.1	112.4	+1.5	1.07
Pacific Basin	96.9	103.6●	+1.0	0.37
Do Accum	101.2	108.2●	+1.0	0.37
Smaller Cos & Rec	158.9	169.8	+1.3	2.06
Do Accum	176.9	189.1	+1.5	2.06
Worldwide Growth	166.4	177.9	+1.9	1.26
Do Accum	232.9	249.0	+2.6	1.26
LLOYDS LIFE UNIT TRUST 20, Clifton St, London EC2A 4MX 01-920 0311				
Equity Dist	99.2	105.6	+0.2	1.68
Do Accum	138.3	147.2	+0.2	1.68
Gilt Trust	48.2	50.8	+0.3	4.92
Do Accum	52.0	54.3	+0.5	4.92
High Income Dist	78.7	83.8	+0.5	5.07
Do Accum	90.3	96.1	+0.8	5.07
US Growth	53.5	57.0	+0.7	1.15
Do Accum	53.9	57.4	+0.6	1.15
LONDON & MANCHESTER Winslade Park, Exeter EX5 1DS 0392 52155				
General Trust	38.8	41.3	+0.1	3.80
Income Trust	32.4	34.7	+0.1	6.50
International Trust	28.8	30.8	+0.2	1.00
M & G SECURITIES Three Quays, Tower Hill EC3R 6BQ 01-626 4588				
Amer & Gen Inc	212.4	225.1●	+1.9	1.88
Do Accum	245.0	260.8●	+2.0	1.88
Amer Recovery	239.3	253.7	+1.2	1.64
Do Accum	259.4	275.0	+1.3	1.64
Am Smaller Cos	58.3	61.6●	+0.5	0.95
Do Accum	59.3	62.9●	+0.5	0.95
Aust & Gen Inc	69.7	74.6●	-0.7	1.08
Do Accum	76.0	81.3●	-0.9	1.08
Comm & Gen Inc	153.5	164.2●	+0.2	3.13
Do Accum	200.3	214.3●	+0.2	3.13
Compound Growth	364.0	389.5	+1.5	3.56
Conversion Growth	296.0	313.8●	+1.9	2.74
Do Inc	161.7	171.4●	+0.5	6.83
Dividend Fund Inc	357.2	378.8	+2.4	5.15
Do Accum	£10.31	10.93	+0.06	5.15
European & General	164.5	174.4	..	1.17
Do Accum	195.9	207.7	..	1.17
Extra Yield Inc	191.3	202.8	+1.5	6.06
Do Accum	403.1	427.3	+3.2	6.06
Far Eastern Inc	111.2	119.0c	+0.1	2.48
Do Accum	134.3	143.7	..	2.48
Fund Of Inv Inc	211.7	224.4	+1.4	2.95
Do Acc	329.0	348.7	+2.2	2.95
General Income	538.2	570.5●	+5.1	4.06
Do Accum	£11.28	11.94●	+0.10	4.06
Gilt & Fixed Inc	56.0	58.6●	+0.4	9.80
Do Accum	83.5	87.7	+0.5	9.80
Gold Income	40.4	43.6●	-0.2	2.88
Do Accum	42.4	45.8	-0.2	2.88
High Income Inc	273.5	289.9	+2.1	5.67
Do Accum	725.2	768.7	+5.5	5.67
Intl Growth Inc	674.9	722.1●	+3.8	2.33
Do Accum	£10.76	11.51●	+0.06	2.33
Intl Inc Inc	54.2	57.5	+0.3	6.38
Japan & Gen Inc	568.1	602.9	+7.8	0.18
Do Accum	606.3	645.7	+8.3	0.18
Japan Smaller Acc	75.5	80.4	+0.4	0.01
Midland & Gen Inc	476.7	505.3	+3.9	4.41
Do Accum	£11.69	12.39	+0.09	4.41
Recovery Fund Inc	298.9	313.7●	-0.2	3.37
Do Accum	379.4	402.2	-0.2	3.37
Second Gen Inc	603.4	639.6	+3.4	3.81
Do Accum	£11.77	12.47	+0.06	3.81
Smaller Cos Inc	574.6	614.8●	+2.7	2.91
Do Accum	896.8	959.6●	+4.2	2.91
Trustee Fund Inc	396.0	425.9	+2.9	4.33
Do Accum	£11.24	12.03	+0.08	4.33
Charibond Inc (3)	103.9	●	..	11.78
Do Accum (3)	315.8	●	..	11.78
Charifund Inc (2)	329.2	332.5●	..	6.17
Do Accum (2)	848.5	857.0●	..	6.17
Pension Exempt (1)	408.8	425.2	+11.0	4.73
NAACIF Inc (3)	34.2	●	..	9.25
Do Accum (3)	399.8	●	..	9.25
MIM UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 11, Devonshire Sq, London EC2M 4YR 01-626 4273				
Equity Exempt	349.3	364.8	-1.4	2.77
Do Accum	437.5	456.9	-1.9	2.77
UK Market Features	59.8	63.7	-0.8	2.18
Do Accum	60.9	65.0	-0.9	2.18
Japan Performance	94.6	100.9	+1.7	0.14
Do Accum	95.0	101.3	+1.7	0.14
US Special Features	62.6	66.9	+0.3	0.84
Do Accum	63.3	67.5	+0.3	0.84
Gold & Precious Met	40.8	44.3	+0.1	1.94
Do Accum	41.9	45.5	+0.2	1.94
US Special Inc	55.2	58.8●	+0.2	5.52
Do Accum	58.5	62.4●	+0.2	5.52
European Perf Inc	67.9	72.2	+0.2	0.97
Do Accum	67.9	72.2	+0.2	0.97
MLA UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT 99-100, Sandling Rd, Maidstone, Kent ME14 1XX 0622 674751				
MLA General	29.6	31.3	..	2.38
MLA International	46.5	49.2	+0.2	1.07
MLA Gilt Units	22.2	23.5●	+0.2	11.06
MLA Income	34.8	36.8●	..	5.43
MLA European	24.9	26.3	-0.1	0.95
MANULIFE MANAGEMENT St Georges Way, Stevenage Herts 0438 356101				
Growth Units	65.5	69.6	..	3.19
Gilt & Fixed Int	96.7	102.2●	..	8.37
High Income Units	99.1	105.3	..	6.15
High Yield Gilt Unt	51.3	53.1●	..	11.44
Intl Growth Units	105.1	111.7	..	0.40
N American Units	66.3	70.5	..	0.66
Far East Units	74.2	78.8	..	0.47
Smaller Cos Fund	58.8	62.5	..	1.50
MENCAP UNIT TRUST Unicorn Hse, 252, Romford Rd, E7 01-234 5544				
Mencap	119.8	127.4	+0.2	4.52
MERCURY FUND MANAGERS LTD 33, King William St, EC4R 9AS 01-280 2860				
Amer Growth	93.4	99.9	+0.4	1.82
Do Accum	96.5	102.7	+0.4	1.82
Amer Income	47.3	50.3	+0.2	4.91
Do Accum	48.6	51.6	+0.3	4.91
European Growth	106.9	112.7	..	1.43
Do Accum	108.8	115.7	..	1.43
General	220.0	234.0	-0.3	2.44
Do Accum	354.3	376.9	-0.5	2.44
Gilt	80.9	81.7	+0.9	8.30
Gilt & Fixed Accum	88.7	89.5	+1.0	8.30
Income	71.9	76.4	+0.1	4.11
Do Accum	77.7	82.6	+0.1	4.11
International	203.2	216.1	+1.4	1.29
Do Accum	250.7	266.7	+1.6	1.29
Japan	110.7	117.7●	+1.6	0.00
Do Accum	112.8	119.9●	+1.6	0.00
Recovery	162.4	172.7	+0.1	2.75
Do Accum	171.8	182.7	+0.1	2.75
Exempt Dist	200.2	206.3●	..	3.06
Exempt Accum	306.1	315.5●	..	3.06
MIDLAND BANK GROUP UNIT TRUST MANAGERS Courtwood Hse, Silver St, Head, Sheffield S1 3RD 0742 79842				
Capital Income	71.8	76.5	-0.2	2.55
Do Accum	96.7	103.2	-0.4	2.55
Commodity & Gen	109.2	116.5	-0.4	3.10
Do Accum	151.3	161.4	-0.5	3.10
Extra High Inc	52.9	56.4	+0.3	8.46
Do Accum	58.8	63.8	+0.4	8.46
Gilt & Fixed Inc	51.2	53.4	+7.2	9.86
Do Accum	80.7	84.3	+0.4	9.86
High Yield	133.8	142.8	+1.4	6.11
Do Accum	222.1	236.9	+2.2	6.11
Income	151.8	161.9●	+0.3	3.99
Do Accum	247.0	263.5●	+0.4	3.99
Japan & Pacific	194.8	207.7	+2.9	0.22
Do Accum	204.0	217.5	+3.1	0.22
N American Inc	99.0	105.5	-1.4	1.13
Do Accum	118.8	126.7	+1.5	1.13
Overseas Growth	95.6	101.9	+0.8	1.25
Do Accum	114.4	122.0	+0.8	1.25
Smaller Cos Inc	91.8	97.7●	+0.4	2.88
Do Accum	95.9	103.4●	+0.1	2.88
MURRAY JOHNSTONE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT 163, Hope Street, Glasgow G2 2UH 041 221 9252				
American	105.1	112.1●	+1.5	3.65
European	188.3	201.0	+1.0	1.16
Smaller Cos	172.3	183.9	+0.1	2.02
NATIONAL PROVIDENT INVESTMENT MANAGERS 48, Gracechurch St, EC3P 3HH 01-623 4200 Ext 289				
NPI UK	178.9	190.4	-0.1	3.10
Do Accum	285.9	304.2	-0.2	3.10
NPI Overseas	516.3	549.3	+0.4	1.10
Do Accum	627.7	667.8	+0.6	1.10
Far East Acc	60.1	64.0●	+0.8	0.30
Do Dist	60.1	64.0●	+0.8	0.30
American Acc	55.0	58.6	+0.5	1.30
Do Dist	54.7	58.2	+0.6	1.30
NORWICH UNION PO Box 4, Norwich NR1 3NG 0603 622200				
Group Trust	£10.29	10.83●	+0.01	4.13
Intl Trust	117.2	123.4	+0.2	1.63
OPPENHEIMER TRUST MANAGEMENT 66, Cannon Street, London EC4N 6AE dealings 01-236 3885/6/7/8/9/0				
International Growth	122.4	130.9●	+1.1	1.00
Income & Growth	49.2	52.3	+0.2	2.90
Special Sits	69.8	74.7	+0.4	2.10
American Growth	32.7	35.0	+0.6	3.80
Japan Growth	41.8	44.5	+0.9	..
European Growth	52.2	55.9●	-0.2	2.90
UK Growth	47.2	50.5	..	1.30
Pacific Growth	35.9	38.4	+0.3	0.70
High Income	29.2	31.3	..	8.10
Practical Income	46.8	49.8	+0.2	2.70
Do Accum	84.1	89.5	+0.3	2.70
PEARL TRUST 252, High Holborn, WC1V 7EB 01-405 8441				
Growth Fund Inc	78.1	83.1	..	2.74
Do Accum	115.5	122.9	+0.1	2.74
Income Fund	104.8	111.5	+0.3	4.47
Intl Equity Inc	110.0	117.0	+0.5	1.71
Do Accum	109.5	116.5	..	1.72
Unit Trust Inc	111.2	118.3	+0.2	3.53
Do Accum	190.4	202.6	+0.3	3.53
PERPETUAL UNIT TRUST 48, Hart Street, Henley On Thames 0491 576868				
Intl Growth	235.8	253.1	+0.3	1.29
Income	167.5	179.4	+1.5	5.18
Worldwide Rec	132.7	142.4●	+0.1	1.96
Amer Growth	66.7	71.6●	+0.5	1.01
Intl Emerg Co's	71.8	77.1	+0.4	0.67
Far East Grwth	58.5	62.8	+0.8	1.10
PROLIFIC UNIT TRUSTS 222, Bishopsgate, London EC2 01-247 7544/7				
International	96.3	103.6	+1.6	1.53
High Income	156.0	165.4	+0.8	4.39
Conv & Gilt	84.5	89.8●	-1.1	5.94
Far Eastern	129.5	138.2	+3.3	0.34
North American	132.3	142.3	+2.0	2.14
Special Sits	174.8	185.4	+0.4	1.01
Technology	111.9	120.3	+1.4	0.53
Extra Income	73.4	77.8	+0.7	5.29
PRUDENTIAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 51-59, Ilford Hill, Ilford Essex, IG1 2DL 01-478 3377				
Holborn Equity	361.1	384.1	-1.5	3.41
European	71.5	76.0	+0.3	0.96
Holborn Comms	50.9	54.1	+0.2	0.90
Holborn High Inc	59.0	62.7	+0.3	6.91
Holborn Intl	83.6	88.9●	+0.9	0.77
Japanese	68.6	72.9c	+1.7	0.05
N American	62.6	66.5	+0.8	1.52
Holborn Spec Sits	55.3	58.8	..	2.74
Holborn UK Growth	72.4	77.0●	-0.1	3.16
Holborn Gilt Trust	161.2	167.8	+0.8	8.72
QUILTER MANAGEMENT COMPANY 31-45 Gresham St, London EC2V 7LH 01-600 4177				
Quadrant General	375.3	399.3	..	3.29
Quadrant Income	205.1	218.2	..	6.12
Quadrant Intl Fd	390.3	388.8	+3.0	1.20
Quadrant Recovery	228.7	243.3	..	3.06
NM ROTHSCHILD ASSET MANAGEMENT St Swithins Lane, London EC4P 4DU 01-280 5456				
NC America Inc	257.7	274.1	+1.9	1.10
Do Accum	277.2	294.8	+2.1	1.10
NC Energy Res	141.8	150.8	-1.3	2.78
NC Income	78.4	83.6	-0.1	4.21
NC Japan	138.3	147.7	+1.7	0.03
NC Smaller Cos	121.3	129.0	+0.4	2.37
NC Smllr Europ Co's	142.9	152.0	+0.8	0.40
NC Exempt Gilt	£114.0	118.0	..	7.36
NC Amer Prop	$11.57	12.18	..	..
NC Property	186.5	198.3	..	..
ROWAN UNIT TRUST 33 King William Street, London EC4R 9AS 01-638 5678				
American (4)	218.0	222.0	..	2.65
Securities (2)	606.0	621.0●	..	2.85
High Yield (5)	136.0	141.5	..	6.28
Merlin (3)	343.0	351.0●	..	2.15
Fixed Interest	157.0	160.0	+1.5	2.71
High Interest	115.0	118.0	-1.5	13.14
Far East (2)	156.0	169.5	..	0.28
ROYAL LIFE FUND MANAGEMENT New Hall Place, Liverpool L69 3HS 051-227 4422				
Equity Trust	55.1	58.6	..	2.90
Intl Trust	63.2	67.2●	+0.7	1.39
Gilt Trust	25.1	25.4	+0.3	8.63
US Trust	29.8	31.7	+0.2	1.82
Pacific Basin Tst	31.0	32.9	+0.6	0.87
ROYAL LONDON UNIT TRUST MANAGERS Royal London House, Colchester CO1 1RA 0206 576115				
American Growth	78.7	83.5●	-0.8	0.94
Capital Accum	160.7	171.0	-0.4	2.38
Gilt Income	50.9	53.6●	+0.8	9.38
High Income	66.1	70.4c	+0.2	6.78
Income & Growth	81.8	86.9●	+0.2	4.93
Japan Growth	64.1	68.2	+1.6	0.06
Special Sits	89.7	95.3	+0.1	1.81
SAVE & PROSPER 28, Western Rd, Romford RM1 3LB 68-73, Queen St, Edinburgh EH2 4NX (Romford) 0708-66966 Or (Edin) 031-226 7351				
Amer Inc & Growth	65.1	69.8	+0.3	7.67
Capital Units	94.0	100.5	+0.3	2.45
Commodity	47.3	50.6	+0.1	1.68
Energy Inds	44.1	47.1●	-0.1	3.58
European Growth	85.7	91.5	-0.6	0.72
Exempt Inc End	71.9	75.7●	..	5.89
Do Intl (43)	57.5	60.7	..	2.80
Exploration	38.9	39.4●	-0.2	1.85
Financial Secs	83.0	88.7	+0.4	2.32
Gilt & FI Inc	51.6	54.3	+0.2	11.42
High Return Units	156.9	167.8●	+1.0	5.29
High Yield Units	147.2	157.4	+0.5	4.92
Income Units	85.1	91.0●	+0.2	6.38
Investment Trust	78.7	82.0	+0.1	2.76
International	106.7	113.5	+0.2	3.58
Japan Growth	63.50	67.92	+1.16	..
Japan Smaller Cos	98.4	105.2	+1.2	..
Masterfund	24.8	26.5	..	3.13
New Technology	95.7	102.3	+0.8	..
SE Asia Growth	94.6	101.1	+0.5	1.80
Scotbits	111.7	119.4●	+0.3	2.94
Scotshares	145.1	155.1	+0.1	4.52
Scotyields	139.3	148.9	+0.5	4.55
Select International	66.9	71.5	+0.4	1.40
Smaller Co's Inc	132.3	141.4	+1.0	4.97
Special Situations	81.8	87.4	-0.3	2.25
UK Equity	160.0	171.1●	..	2.76
US Growth	71.7	76.6	+0.5	0.55
Universal Growth	76.0	82.2	+0.6	1.97
SCHRODER UNIT TRUST Enterprise House, Portsmouth 0705 827733				
American Inc	120.8	129.1	+1.3	1.55
Do Accum	123.1	131.6	+1.3	1.55
Australian Inc	58.9	63.3●	-0.5	1.94
Do Accum	63.2	67.9●	-0.5	1.94
European Inc	92.4	98.8	..	1.22
Do Accum	94.8	101.3	..	1.22
Gilt & Fixed Inc	51.1	53.8●	+0.6	10.04
Do Accum	76.1	80.2●	+0.8	10.04
Gold Fund Inc	32.8	35.0	-0.3	4.14
Do Accum	34.1	36.4	-0.4	4.14
Income	150.6	161.0	+1.0	5.18
Do Accum	330.8	353.7	+2.3	5.18
Intl Income	96.3	102.9	+0.4	0.77
Do Accum	132.7	141.9	+0.5	0.77
Jap Smllr Co's Ac	104.2	111.4●	+2.2	0.10
Singapore & Malay	46.6	49.8	-0.6	1.41
Do Accum	47.5	50.8	-0.6	1.41
Smaller Co's Inc	114.3	122.2	+0.5	1.82
Do Accum	119.3	127.5	+0.4	1.82
Special Sits Inc	91.4	97.7	+0.6	1.42
Do Accum	94.6	101.1	+0.7	1.42
Tokyo Fund Inc	157.9	168.8	+2.0	0.26
Do Accum	159.1	170.1	+2.1	0.26
US Smaller Co's Ac	55.1	58.9	+1.4	0.24
UK Equity Inc	91.9	98.2	+0.9	3.29
Do Accum	140.5	150.2	+1.4	3.29
Recovery	678.0	725.1●	..	2.76
Special Exempt	103.2	110.3a	..	1.81
Pensions & Charity	464.0	496.2●	..	3.97
SCOTTISH EQUITABLE 28, St Andrews Sq, Edinburgh 031-556 9101				
Intl Income Units	131.4	138.8	..	3.48
Do Accum	193.5	205.9	..	3.48
SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS 19, St Andrews Sq, Edinburgh 031 225 2211				
UK Equity	157.6	168.5	+0.1	2.08
American	143.0	153.0	+1.7	1.35
Pacific	131.2	140.4	+1.8	0.07
European	186.7	199.7	+0.4	0.73
SCOTTISH MUTUAL INVESTMENT MANAGERS 109, Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5HN 041-248 6100				
UK Equity	150.2	159.8	..	2.88
Gilt & Fixed	105.8	112.6	..	8.77
UK Smlr Co's Eq	124.6	132.5	..	2.24
European	155.2	165.1	..	1.66
N American	103.4	110.0	..	1.98
Pacific	118.5	126.1	..	0.90
SCOTTISH UNIT TRUST 29, Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh 031-226 4372				
Pacific	41.9	44.9	+0.6	..
World Growth	31.9	34.2	+0.2	0.79
N American	33.6	36.0	+0.5	0.77
Income Fund	39.4	42.2●	+0.4	5.45
SCOTTISH WIDOWS PO Box 902, Edinburgh EH16 5BU 031-655 6000				
Peg Eq Inc	205.5	218.7	+1.1	3.19
Do Accum	234.7	249.8	+1.3	3.19
SENTINEL FUND MANAGEMENT 30, City Rd, London EC1Y 2AY 01-638 6011				
Amer Tech & Gen	101.0	108.0	+1.7	0.10
Pacific	134.6	144.0	+0.6	0.88
Sec Income Fnd	151.0	161.5●	+0.6	5.15
Special Situations	179.6	192.4	+2.1	1.52
Energy & Res	25.2	27.0	+0.6	0.10
American Majors	67.9	72.7	+0.7	2.80
Small Co's	33.5	35.8	+0.1	2.08
Japan Tech & Gen	73.0	78.1	+0.6	0.10
International Income	52.8	56.5●	+0.4	6.00
Exempt	495.5	531.2	..	2.66
UK General	26.1	27.9	+0.5	3.10
SIMON & COATES 1, London Wall Bldgs, London EC2M 5PT 01-588 3644 Ext 357				
Special Sits (5)	46.5	49.5	..	1.54
STANDARD LIFE 3, George St, Edinburgh EH2 2XZ 031 225 2552				
Income Units	222.6	238.6	+0.6	3.24
Do Accum Units	248.9	261.5	+0.7	3.24
STEWART, IVORY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 45, Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh 031-226 3271				
American Fund	212.4	226.2	+2.8	2.12
Do Accum	238.5	254.0	+3.1	2.12
Do Withdrawal	153.6	163.6	+2.1	2.12
Australian Fund	113.2	120.6	-1.1	0.95
Do Accum	114.4	121.9	-1.2	0.95
British Fund	514.6	548.0	+2.1	4.38
Do Accum	684.9	729.4	+2.7	4.38
European Fund	237.1	252.5	+1.5	0.86
Do Accum	249.7	265.9	+1.5	0.86
Japan Fund	244.2	260.1	+1.4	0.38
Do Accum	244.9	260.9	+1.4	0.38
Stones PPP	148.6	151.2	..	..
SUN ALLIANCE Sun Alliance Hse, Horsham, Sussex 0403 56293				
Equity Trust Acc	349.2	371.4	-0.7	2.65
N Am Trust Acc	54.9	58.4	+0.4	1.76
Far East Trust Acc	61.9	65.8	+0.8	1.48
TSB UNIT TRUSTS PO Box 3, Keens Hse, Andover, Hants, SP10 1PG 0264 62188 Dealings:0264 63432				
American Inc	109.8	116.3	+1.3	1.08
Do Accum	113.8	121.1	+1.4	1.08
Extra Income Inc	96.1	102.3●	+0.7	5.76
Do Accum	112.3	119.5●	+0.7	5.76
General Unit Inc	142.2	151.3●	-0.1	2.90
Do Accum	231.4	246.2●	-0.2	2.90
Gilt & Fixed Inc	48.3	48.3●	+0.4	9.22
Do Accum	59.3	61.8●	+0.8	9.22
Income	190.8	203.0	+0.5	4.63
Accum	292.8	311.5	+0.6	4.63
Pacific Inc	124.2	132.2	+1.8	0.72
Do Accum	127.3	135.5	+1.9	0.72
Intl Inc	270.6	287.9	+2.3	1.84
Do Accum	332.1	353.3	+2.8	1.84
Selected Opps Inc	53.6	57.1	..	1.91
Do Accum	58.3	62.1	..	1.91
Natural Res	43.7	46.5	-0.1	2.51
Do Accum	44.9	47.5	-0.1	2.51
TARGET TRUST MANAGERS Target House, Gatehouse Rd, Aylesbury Bucks 0296 5941				
Amer Eagle	74.0	79.0	+0.6	0.44
Australian	21.2	22.6●	+0.5	0.10
Commodity	72.9	78.3	-0.1	2.25
Energy	33.2	36.5	-0.2	1.53
Equity	112.7	120.9	-0.6	3.02
European Spec Sits	82.1	87.1	..	0.28
Extra Income	100.7	107.9●	..	6.40
Financial	230.9	247.1	+0.2	2.12
Gilt Income	97.4	102.3●	+1.1	8.73
Gold Income	57.7	61.8	..	2.01
Do Accum	105.1	112.5	..	2.01
Income	73.3	78.4	..	4.91
Japan	64.7	69.2	+2.1	0.10
Malay & Singapore	19.2	20.5	+0.2	1.37
Pacific Inc	73.0	78.0	+2.0	0.09
Do Reinvest	89.4	95.6	+2.7	0.09
Pref Share Fd	16.1	17.2	..	10.30
UK Capital	57.0	60.9●	-0.4	2.18
Special Sits	78.6	83.8●	-0.3	0.95
Technology	45.9	49.2●	+0.7	0.10
World Income	50.2	53.4	+0.3	7.08
Worldwide Capital	126.5	135.0	+1.0	1.86
Equity Ex (3)	67.2	71.8	..	1.15
Do Accum (3)	125.9	134.8	..	1.15
3i UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 2, St Mary Axe, London EC3A 8BP 01 928-3336				
Smaller Co's	69.3	73.7	+1.8	0.10
TOUCHE REMNANT Mermaid House, 2, Puddle Dock, London EC4V 3AT 01-248 1250				
American Growth	34.7	37.0	+1.0	0.79
General Growth	46.3	49.8	-0.1	2.81
Global Tech	37.6	40.3	+0.3	0.10
Income Growth	53.3	56.8	+0.2	5.08
Income Monthly	42.3	45.3●	+0.1	7.09
Japan Growth	29.8	31.8	+0.5	0.18
O'seas Growth	39.5	42.4	+0.6	1.37
Smaller Cos	52.3	55.7	+0.2	1.92
Special Opps	56.1	59.7●	+0.2	1.81
TRANSATLANTIC & GENERAL SECURITIES 91-99, New London Rd, Chelmsford 0245 51651				
Colemco Inc (5)	412.2	430.7	..	4.04
Do Accum (5)	672.4	702.4	..	4.04
Fielding Fund (4)	217.2	228.7	..	3.34
Do Accum (4)	237.8	250.4	..	3.34
Fleng Am & Gen (4)	215.8	227.2c	..	1.35
Do Accum (4)	242.6	255.4c	..	1.35
Fielding Inc Fund (4)	152.4	160.5	..	5.22
S & W Amer (2)	148.4	156.0	..	1.68
S & W Smlr Secs	113.0	119.0	..	0.92
TYNDALL MANAGERS 18, Canynge Rd, Bristol 0272 732241				
Australian	59.8	64.0	-0.8	1.32
Do Acc	61.9	66.3	-0.8	1.32
Capital	290.1	307.7●	-0.1	3.90
Do Accum	512.5	543.5●	-0.2	3.90
Exempt	251.1	267.5●	+1.6	6.61
Do Accum	564.4	601.1●	+3.5	6.61
Far Eastern	137.9	147.5	+0.7	0.80
Do Accum	148.0	158.3	+0.7	0.80
Fin & Prop	45.7	48.7●	-0.2	4.00
Do Accum	70.8	75.4●	-0.4	4.00
Gilt Capital	118.4	121.0	+0.8	7.02
Do Accum	130.8	136.0	+1.0	7.02
Gilt Income	103.6	107.4	+0.6	10.22
Do Accum	182.4	188.5	+0.9	10.22
High Yield	48.0	51.2	+0.2	6.85
Do Accum	102.4	109.1	+0.4	6.85
Income	202.3	214.6	+0.9	6.01
Do Accum	613.3	650.4	+2.4	6.01
Intl Earnings	148.6	158.3	+0.2	3.02
Do Accum	214.7	228.7	+0.2	3.02
Intl Growth	70.6	75.2	+0.5	0.86
Do Accum	73.1	77.9	+0.5	0.86
Japan Growth Acc	81.1	86.8	+1.1	0.20
Natural Resources	160.6	171.1	-1.4	2.39
Do Accum	229.0	243.9	-1.9	2.39
N Amer Growth	118.6	126.9●	+1.3	0.96
Do Acc	137.5	147.1●	+1.5	0.96
Pref	107.9	115.0	..	11.34
Do Accum	268.6	286.1	..	11.34
Smaller Co's Div Inc	48.4	51.6●	+3.2	6.56
Do Accum	54.7	58.3●	+0.3	6.56
Smaller Cos	166.6	177.7●	+2.0	2.59
Do Accum	221.9	236.4●	+2.5	2.59
Special Sits	83.3	88.2	+0.2	2.52
Do Accum	92.7	98.8	+0.1	2.52
European Growth	87.5	93.2	+0.5	1.40
UK PROVIDENT UT MANAGERS UK House, Castle St, Salisbury SP1 3SH 0722 336242				
UK Equity	111.3	118.0	-0.2	..
Pacific Basin	112.4	119.1	+0.7	..
N Amer	115.3	122.2	+0.8	..
VANGUARD TRUST 65 Holborn Viaduct EC1A 2EU 01-236 3053				
Growth Inc	166.4	177.1●	+0.7	2.16
Do Accum	240.3	255.7	+1.0	2.16
High Yield	182.8	194.6●	+0.8	4.64
Special Sits	35.9	38.2●	+0.2	2.56
Trustee	117.2	124.8	+1.0	3.76
Do Accum	175.8	186.8	+1.9	3.76
Amer & Gen	55.4	59.0	+0.4	1.25
Master Portfolio (4)	£53.44	54.81	..	3.42
Abingdon Rdn Asts	100.6	107.0	..	4.50
WARDLEY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS Wardley House, 7, Devonshire Sq, London EC2 01-929 1532				
American Trust	65.6	70.9	+0.5	1.90
Far East & Gen	69.2	73.6	+1.1	1.40
Intl Growth	57.3	61.0	+0.3	1.70
Income Trust	70.4	75.7	+0.3	5.80
Japan Growth	75.7	81.3	+0.9	0.20
Small Companies	118.9	127.9●	+2.0	2.00
Technology	35.2	37.9	..	0.20
Australia	42.3	45.4●	-0.8	1.50
UK Trust	118.2	125.8	+0.3	2.50
European Growth	42.3	45.1	-0.1	1.20
Hong Kong	21.8	23.1	+0.2	2.00
WAVERLEY ASSET MANAGEMENT 13, Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh 031-225 1551				
Australian Gold	17.3	18.4●	+0.3	0.15
Pacific Basin Energy	14.3	15.2	+0.4	0.20
Canadian Bal Gth	46.8	50.0	..	3.00
Ginnie Mae Fnd	$102.3	106.5●	-0.3	8.20

Quotations on this page refer to Monday's trading

● Ex dividend. c Cum dividend. k Cum stock split. s Ex stock split. m Cum all (any two or more of above). a Ex all (any two or more of above). Dealing or valuation days: (1) Monday. (2) Tuesday. (3) Wednesday. (4) Thursday. (5) Friday. (20) 25th of month. (21) 2nd Thursday of month. (22) 1st and 3rd Wednesday of month. (23) 20th of month. (24) 3rd Tuesday of month. (25) 1st and 3rd Thursday of month. (26) 4th Tuesday of month. (27) 1st Wednesday in month. (28) Last Thursday in month. (29) 3rd working day of month. (30) 16th of month. (31) 1st working day of month. (32) 20th of month. (33) 1st day of February, May, August, November. (34) Last working day of month. (35) 15th of month. (36) 14th of month. (37) 21st of month. (38) 3rd Wednesday of month. (39) 2nd Wednesday of month. (40) Valued monthly. (41) Last Thursday of Stock Exchange account. (42) Last day of month. (43) 2nd and 4th Wednesday of month. (44) Quarterly. (45) 6th of month. (46) 2nd Tuesday of month.

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TEMPUS

Synergy sets the pace in takeover stakes

Synergy is the flavour of the week. Already it has been the justification for two large bids, United Biscuits for Imperial Group and Rank Organisation for Granada.

It seems that takeover merchants no longer want to be accused of wheeling and dealing for its own sake.

No sooner than it had launched the £740 million offer yesterday, Rank was pointing out that both groups have interests in bingo, motorway services and film.

The market liked the logic and was clearly pleased that Rank has used its new found share price strength to make such a large takeover bid. Its shares rose a further 3p to 547p yesterday.

On the surface that is surprising considering the bid should theoretically result in substantial earnings dilution as Rank's shares still trade on a prospective multiple of only 10 times earnings against possibly 16 for Granada.

That assumes Granada will make £83 million in the current year.

But with the savings from combining the businesses common to both groups, that profit figure could rise to nearer £100 million.

Granada rejected both the argument and the terms. But its claim that there was no industrial logic in the bid was somewhat belied by its simultaneous suggestion that a merger could raise monopoly problems.

According to Granada, the two groups would have 20 motorway service sites, representing half the total.

Granada was on better grounds with its claim that the terms were inadequate. The market certainly seemed to think another bid was round the corner and pushed the shares up to 310p, 7p over the value of the share offer and 13p above the cash offer.

Granada is likely to argue that the terms do not take account of its strong cash flow. No doubt this only serves to make it more attractive to Rank.

PPL

For a company valued at £8.9 million to opt for a main market listing shows a definite commitment to growth. PPL, which is placing a third of its equity for a full listing, is a computer software company specializing in business applications packages for large companies and government departments. Over the past five years pretax profits have risen from £68,000 to £735,000 on sales which have grown from £1.86 million to almost £9 million.

In contrast with other quoted software houses, PPL concentrates on off-the-peg packages which are flexible enough for many different users. The chairman and chief executive, Mr Roy Taylor, who has steered the company since it became independent in 1976, confidently expects growth to continue at more than 40 per cent a year.

That makes the placing price of 145p, and a historic earnings multiple of 11, look distinctly undemanding. Despite the sector's difficulties — with companies such as Micro Focus and Logica — the likes of CAP, which came to the market last year and specializes in bespoke software, still sell on historic ratings in the high twenties. Even the prospective yield, at 2.5 per cent is generous enough.

PPL's growth ambitions, especially in North America, are clearly going to involve aquisitions. The net £2.05 million raised by the placing will wipe out PPL's £1.5 million borrowings but a large acquisition will mean issuing paper. No company is yet under detailed investigation, but Mr Taylor says PPL has the management strengths to double in size through acquisitions. Better, then, to sweeten shareholders with a healthy premium on the placing price, than to be over-greedy at this stage.

About 60 per cent of PPL's sales come from the company's own software, with the rest from independent suppliers. Packages are sold with consultancy and training support, and maintenance accounts for about 20 per cent of sales. About 10 per cent of turnover comes from hardware sales.

Dealings will start on February 24 and a reasonable premium looks assured.

Stores sector

Monday's disconcerting retail sales figures failed to knock the stock market's confidence yesterday. There were even early gains for many of the main stores companies, including Dixons, GUS and W H Smith.

To some extent the market had been expecting a slowdown after last year's terrific rise.

But many analysts were nevertheless surprised by the 1.1 per cent seasonally adjusted fall in volumes between December and January. In view of this, the dealers' reaction seems muted.

Having outperformed the rest of the market for most of last year, the sector has admittedly been weak in recent months. Since the formation of Storehouse out of British Home Stores and Habitat Mothercare, which marked the peak, the relative rating has sunk from 119 to 106, where it is still anticipating above-average growth.

That interpretation rests on two sorts on tax cuts. First, consumer spending which is expected to continue growing, possibly at 2.5 per cent a year, would be helped significantly by any tax cuts in the Budget.

Second, the stores are the main beneficiary of the already falling corporate tax bill. This should be enough to ensure good near-term rises in earnings per share. But long- term growth prospects are uncertain.

Mr Nick Bubb of Scrimgeour Vickers believes there are good quality stocks still worth buying. He recommends Dixons, Marks and Spencer, Next, Grattan and Ward White. But for the sector as a whole, investors would be well advised to wait for next month's figures for retail sales. If they confirm this week's weaker trend investors could be in for a dull time.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Shares romp to new peak

Share prices went from strength to strength as the bull run showed no sign of slackening. The FT 30-share index soared 13.6 points to close at a record 1234.3, and the FT-SE index of 100 shares gained 16.6 at 1491.9.

Against a background of speculation, all sectors raced ahead. Stores, which fell on Monday on disappointing January retail sales, were well to the fore, often scoring double-figure gains.

Among leaders the spotlight switched to **Granada**, after a surprise bid from **Rank Organisation**. The Granada shares ended with 70p gain at 310p with Rank also adding 5p a 549p.

Speculation that Beechams may be lining up a bid left **Fisons** 17p higher at 498p. Among many other big names meeting speculative demand was **Bowater** 7p better at 315p, **Wimpey** 10p up at 158p, and **Lourho** 5p higher at 254p.

Electronics and armaments shares gained fresh impetus from the £5 billion Saudi defence deal. **British Aerospace** made further headway 20p higher at 508p. **Lucas** rose 17p at 575p, while other double figure gains were seen in **Vickers**, 358p, **GEC**, 210p, and **Dowty**, 187p. **Imperial** encountered profit-taking down 5p at 315p.

Option trading in **Bass** was reflected in the share price, 18p up at 368p. Among secondary issues **Manchester Ship** gained 35p to 580p, excited by the Highams stake-building, while doubled interim profits gave a 25p fillip to **Mountleigh** at 610p.

Speculative buying was good for 9p on **Yorkshire Chemical** at 91p, while the Claygate project gave a 25p fillip to **London and Edinburgh** at 555p.

Gilts, looking for lower US interest rates added another ⅝, while banks managed to rally a few pence after yesterday's setback.

Among the best rises seen in the stores sector were **GUS A**, 43p up at 889p, and **Dixons** showing at 35p rise at 1080p.

Hopes of higher cement prices lifted **Blue Circle** 7p at 580p. Elsewhere **DPCE** reacted to satisfactory trading news 17p higher at 465p.

Oils continued to lose ground and kaffirs fell 10p to 50 cents in quiet business.

Option market: Calls were produced in: Sunleigh, S and W Berisford, Sharna Ware, STC, Stakkis, Grovebell, Amber Day, Whitecroft, Wellcome, Ransome Sims, Brunswick Oil, Cowan de Groot, Barrie Inv, Cluff Oil, Five Oaks, United Biscuits warrants, Wold, Rainie Inds, Martin Ford, Kwik Fit, Prestwich, Apricot Computers, Hampton Gold, Campari, Sound Diffusion, Pavion, Westland, Monument.

A put was arranged in Amstrad.

MAIN PRICE CHANGES

RISES:
Granada .. 308.00 +68.00
Brown & Jackson .. 28.00 +5.00
Sangers Photo .... 90.00 +12.00
Star Computer 63.00 +8.00
Micro Focus 190.00 +20.00
Checkpoint 95.00 +10.00
Bush Radio 130.00 +13.00

FALLS:
ICC Oil Services 4.50 -1.50
Miss World Group 190.00 -30.00
Triton Europe .. 170.00 -25.00
Sycamore Holdings 30.00 -3.00

RECENT ISSUES

Abbott M	231	U-Sherwood	210 dn 2
Ashley L	201 up 4	U-Sigmex	97 dn 4
Cable & Wire	323	Shorrock	77 dn 1
Control Tech	160 up 2	Tiphook	174
U-Datron Int	83	Underwoods	188 dn 1
Davidson Pce	158	Wellcome	174 up 7
Fergusn J	23 up 1		
U-Hampden	59 dn 1	**RIGHTS ISSUES**	
Inoco	51	Barham	149 up 3
U-Klark-Tnk	103	Goal Pet.	46
Lexicon Inc	118	Hogg Rob	319 up 1
Macro 4	125 dn 1	U-Midsumm	65
Merivale	125	Peel Hdgs	485
Really Useful	368	Safeway UK	£41¼ up ½
SPP	156 up 1	Stormgard	18
St Ives Gp.	660 dn 10	Speyhawk	295
Safeway UK	£41¾ up ½	Watshams	84
U-Shandwick	210	Westland	13

COMPANY NEWS

● **FERMENTA:** Group profit for 1985, after financial items, 320 million krona (about £30 million), against 82 million krona. Sales 1.60 billion krona (404 million krona). Dividend 0.75 krona (0.125 krona). Fermenta forecasts a 1986 profit of about 700 million krona on a turnover of about 3 billion krona, exclusive of its planned takeover of Wilh Sonesson and its acquisition of a controlling stake in Pharmacia.

● **PAN CONTINENTAL MINING:** Interim dividend nil (same). Net profit Aus $13.50 million (about £6.7 million), against Aus $2.06 million. Turnover Aus $51.42 million (Aus $19.71 million).

● **BOND CORPORATION HOLDINGS:** Interim dividend 5 cents (nil). Net profit Aus $41.74 million (about £21 million), against Aus $9.31 million. Sales Aus $735.24 million (Aus $204.41 million).

● **DEBRON INVESTMENTS:** The directors are unable to recommend payment of any dividend for 1985. The company is currently seeking permission from the court to set certain accumulated losses arising principally from the disposal of Carpets International (UK) against the share premium account. On the basis of permission being granted by the court and in the light of income expected in the first half of 1986, the directors will consider paying an interim dividend next August.

● **HAWLEY GROUP:** The terms of the proposed issue of $80 million in convertible preference shares has now been agreed with Credit Suisse First Boston. The dividend coupon will be 8¾ per cent, which is lower than the originally indicated range of 8½ to 9 per cent. The conversion price into the common shares of Hawley been fixed at 135p, representing a 23 per cent premium over the closing price of the common shares on Feb. 17, 1986.

● **FUTURA HOLDINGS:** Unaudited pretax profits for 1985 are expected to be in the region of £405,000 (1984 - £366,702).

● **PADANG SENANG HOLDINGS:** A dividend of 1.1p (1.4p) is being paid for the year to Sept. 30, 1985. Turnover £581,013 (£925,737). Pretax profit £147,733 (£244,650).

● **ALEXANDERS HOLDINGS:** No dividend (same) for the year to Sept. 30, 1985. Proposed one-for-ten scrip issue. Turnover £58.45 million (£56.68 million). Pre tax profit £251,000 (loss £165,000).

● **MOUNTLEIGH GROUP:** Interim dividend 3p (2p) on increased capital. Turnover for the six months to Oct. 31, 1985, £17.56 million (£7.67 million). Pretax profit £2.31 million (£1.11 million). The rate of progress is well in line with the board's expectations and it expects property disposals to ensure that profits for the current six months to substantially exceed the £2.3 million now reported.

● **SENIOR ENGINEERING GROUP:** The group's subsidiary, Senior Machine Tools, has purchased the main portion of plant and machinery, goodwill, know-how, drawings, trade marks, etc, together with stocks in work-in-progress from the receivers of Joshua Bigwood and Son for an estimated cash consideration of £190,000.

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Information for Siemens shareholders

Siemens boosts capital expenditure and investment by 85%

During the period from 1 October to 31 December 1985, i.e. the first three months of the current financial year, sales in the Federal Republic of Germany grew much faster than sales abroad. It was once more possible to make a slight increase in the number of employees. Siemens again accelerated capital spending, following a sharp increase last year, and improved net income.

New orders

New orders, at £3,592m, were 3% down from last year's first-quarter total; however, if power plant business is excluded there was a gain of 2%. The change in German domestic order receipts was primarily due to power plant contracts concluded the previous year; excluding power plant business, there was an increase of around 10%. Internationally, new orders held steady at £1,974m (last year £1,991m). The Components Group experienced lower orders due to the worldwide depression in its markets; however, two-figure growth was achieved by the Power Engineering & Automation Group.

in £m	1/10/84 to 31/12/84	1/10/85 to 31/12/85	Change
New orders	3,715	3,592	– 3%
Domestic business	1,724	1,618	– 6%
International business	1,991	1,974	– 1%

Sales

The rise in sales was also mainly attributable to domestic business. Worldwide sales grew by 9% to £3,051m. Siemens domestic sales accelerated 15% to £1,508m. International sales at £1,543m were 3% higher than the previous year. Sales of the Components Group declined 8%, while two-figure growth was attained by the Communication & Information Systems Group and the Medical Engineering Group.

in £m	1/10/84 to 31/12/84	1/10/85 to 31/12/85	Change
Sales	2,810	3,051	+ 9%
Domestic business	1,310	1,508	+15%
International business	1,500	1,543	+ 3%

Orders in hand

Orders in hand, at £15,739m, grew by 3% during the first quarter; inventories came to £5,391m (last year £5,014m).

in £m	30/9/85	31/12/85	Change
Orders in hand	15,253	15,739	+ 3%
Inventories	5,014	5,391	+ 8%

Employees

Having created 20,000 new jobs during the last financial year, Siemens again increased the number of its employees by 1% in the first quarter of 1985/86, bringing the total to 350,000. The domestic work force remained unchanged at 240,000 during the first three months of the year as a gain of 2,000 employees was offset by a loss of 2,000 temporary student workers who left the company upon completing their agreed term of employment. The number of employees abroad grew to 110,000; 1,000 additional employees were recruited and a further 1,000 were added by the acquisition of new subsidiaries, mainly in the U.S.A. The average number of employees was 350,000, or about 6% higher than for the comparable period last year; employment cost increased 10% to £1,426m.

in thousands	30/9/85	31/12/85	Change
Employees	348	350	+ 1%
Domestic operations	240	240	+ 1%*
International operations	108	110	+ 2%

	1/10/84 to 31/12/84	1/10/85 to 31/12/85	Change
Average number of employees in thousands	330	350	+ 6%
Employment costs in £m	1,297	1,426	+ 10%

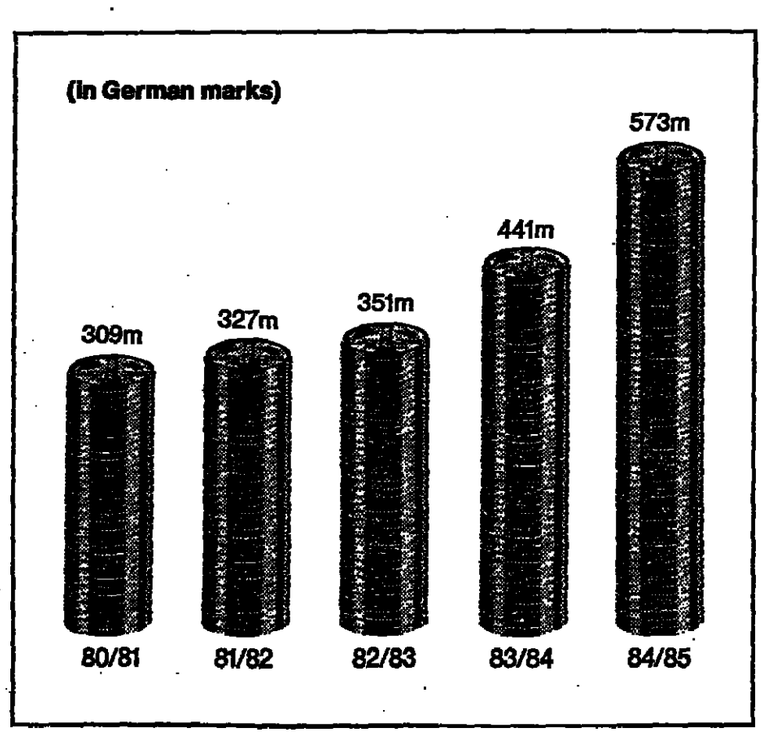
*adjusted for seasonal loss of temporary student employees

Capital spending and net income

Siemens again boosted its capital expenditure and investment; the £282m recorded for the first quarter was 85% above the previous year's figure. The main emphasis was on fixed assets in the Federal Republic of Germany. Capital outlays of roughly £1,700m are projected for the current financial year. With net income after taxes of £84m (last year £68m), Siemens achieved a net profit margin of 2.8% (last year 2.4%), the same as for the total preceding financial year.

in £m	1/10/84 to 31/12/84	1/10/85 to 31/12/85	Change
Capital expenditure and investment	152	282	+85%
Net income after taxes	68	84	+23%
in % of sales	2.4	2.8	

All amounts translated at Frankfurt middle rate on 31/12/1985: £1 = DM 3.543.



Highest ever dividend pay-out

Siemens will pay dividends totalling DM 573m for the 1985 financial year, the largest sum ever distributed to shareholders by a company in the Federal Republic of Germany. The company's more than 400,000 shareholders, including over 140,000 Siemens employees, will thus receive a pay-out which is 30% higher than last year and nearly double that of four years ago. Thanks to dividend and market-price increases, the average yield of an investment in Siemens shares – provided all proceeds were reinvested – was 23% over the past five years.

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STOCK EXCHANGE PRICES

Strong performance

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings Began Feb.10. Dealings End Feb 21.§ Contango Day Feb 24. Settlement Day, March 3
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	BUILDINGS AND ROADS	
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3	BPB Industries	
4	Watts Blake	
5	McAlpine (Alfred)	
6	Amcliffe	
7	RMC	
8	Travis & Arnold	
9	Taylor Woodrow	
10	Smart (J)	
	DRAPERY AND STORES	
11	Marks & Spencer	
12	Fine Art Dev	
13	Preedy (Alfred)	
14	LCP	
15	Peters Stores	
16	Etam	
17	Combined English	
18	Br Home Stores	
19	Bentalls	
20	Vantona Viyella	
	INDUSTRIALS A – D	
21	Ash & Lacey	
22	Diploma	
23	Avon Rubber	
24	Barlow Rand	
25	Barro Ind	
26	BET Dfd	
27	Beauford	
28	Cope Allman	
29	Bullough	
30	BOC	
	BANKS DISCOUNT HP	
31	Bank of Ireland	
32	Barclays	
33	Hill Samuel	
34	First Nat Finance	
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1985 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross div pence	Yld %	P/E
542	419	Stand Chart	457	+3	42.1	9.2	7.1
746	603	Union	623	● ..	52.9	8.5	62.7
144	56	Wacon	144	+6	5.0	3.5	17.6
55¾	36⅝	Wells Fargo	£55½	..	..	..	..
280	220	Wintrust	240	..	7.1	3.0	15.2

BREWERIES

1985 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross div pence	Yld %	P/E
308	153	Allied-Lyons	285	●-1	11.6	4.1	16.8
692	471	Bass	650	+2	21.0	3.2	14.0
51	38	Belhaven	46	..	1.1	2.4	25.4
100	66	Boddingtons	94	+1	4.2	4.5	13.8
573	258	Brown (Matthew)	410	+10	20.0	4.9	15.1
189	119	Bulmer (H P)	167	●+5	7.0	4.2	13.5
530	405	Burtonwood Brew	435	●+25	14.3	3.3	10.2
485	225	Clark (Matthew)	485	..	10.7	2.2	19.6
800	417	Devenish (J A)	800	+25	18.6	2.3	23.4
828	270	Distillers	623	+3	22.9	3.7	17.2
198	159	Greenall Whitley	170	..	7.9h	4.6	12.1
254	146	Greene King	193	..	7.2	3.7	13.7
325	225	Guinness	295	■+10	10.3	3.5	11.2
454	324	Hardys & Hansons	454	●+2	24.1	5.3	11.7
85	58	Highland Dist	75	..	2.8	3.7	15.2
177	124	Invergordon Dist	160	..	6.1	3.8	11.7
210	120	Irish Dist	210	+2	6.0	2.9	..
93	51	Marston Thompson	85	..	2.9	3.4	14.7
239	179	Morland	227	..	9.1	4.0	12.6
338	108	SA Breweries	332	..	..	..	..
194	128	Scot & New	179	-1	10.0h	5.6	12.2
40⅝	27⅜	Seagram	£38⅛	..	41 1	1.1	..
410	258	Vaux	390	..	15.8	4.1	15.0
280	184	Whitbread 'A'	240	..	10.2	4.3	12.2
278	185	Do 'B'	243	..	10.2	4.2	12.4
236	162	Whitbread Inv	200	..	9.9	5.0	29.5
440	270	Wolvrhmptn & D	440	..	12.2	2.8	16.1
245	185	Young 'A'	200	..	9.4	4.7	16.0

BUILDINGS AND ROADS

1985 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross div pence	Yld %	P/E
242	172	Aberdeen Constr	240	-2	10.5	4.4	15.0
280	213	Amec	232	..	15.7	6.8	9.2
80	29	Amcliffe	80	+2	0.1n	0.2	8.2
150	82	Atwoods	150	..	5.7	3.8	13.7
394	208	BPB Industries	354	+3	11.6	2.9	15.7
333	204	Baggeridge Brick	319	+2	9.8	3.1	11.5
138	64	Barratt Devs	136	..	10.9	8.0	..
34	19	Bailey(Ben) Constr	23	..	0.4	1.7	4.8
152	113	Bellway	152	..	10.0	6.6	17.1
71	60	Benford Concrete	71	..	5.4	7.6	37.4
87	51	Bett Bros	68	● ..	4.4	6.5	19.2
925	545	Blockleys	900	+10	32.9	3.7	12.9
608	455	Blue Circle	583	+10	28.6	4.9	8.0
253	194	Breedon&Cloud Hill	253	..	13.6	5.4	30.5
89	59	Brickhouse Dudley	89	..	4.9	5.5	15.1
80	55	Br Dredging	68	..	3.6	5.3	15.2
28	11	Brown & Jackson	28	+5	..	..	19.3
63	55	Brownlee	69	-1	4.4	6.4	7.7
94	64	Bryant	94	..	4.7	5.0	11.9
190	20	Burnett & Hallam	..	..	5.7f	..	..
156	145	Cakebread Robey	150	..	4.4	2.9	25.0
100	50	Cement-Roadstone	99	-1	4.0	4.0	..
70	42	Concer Grp	68	..	2.1	3.1	28.1
526	336	Costain	484	..	22.1	4.6	10.2
325½	194	Countryside	304	● ..	8.2	2.7	8.2
156	84	Crouch (Derek)	154	-2	7.9	5.1	33.7
115	60	Dew (George)	90	..	8.6	9.6	8.4
85	45	Douglas (RM)	89	● ..	2.5h	2.8	15.8
71	58	Erith	71	..	4.4	6.2	11.4
113	81	Feb	81	..	4.2	5.2	11.0
62	54	Do 'A'	58	..	4.2	7.2	7.9
96	63	Finlan Gp	65	● ..	5.4	8.3	25.4
297	117	French Kier	297	..	8.8	3.0	12.5
88	64	Galliford	81	..	6.3	7.8	13.1
116	103	Gibbs & Dandy Ord	106	..	2.3	2.2	35.9
290	204	Gleeson (MJ)	284	..	7.7	2.7	9.8
119	89	HAT	98	●+2	5.4	5.5	10.2
80	24	Helical Bar	78	-2	..	..	15.9
55	33	Hewden-Stuart	54	-1	2.3	4.3	10.9
175	114	Heywood Williams	175	..	8.9	5.1	10.2
503	281	Higgs & Hill	498	..	18.3	3.7	13.5
180	129	Ibstock Johnsen	152	..	6.1	4.0	11.7
328	260	Jarvis (J) & Sons	270	..	25.0	9.3	9.3
348	189	Laing (J)	348	..	8.9	2.6	11.0
348	196	Do 'A'	336	..	8.9	2.6	10.7
99	67	Lawrence (Walter)	97	..	5.2h	5.4	7.1
79	58	Ley (FJC)	76	..	5.3	7.0	11.6
334	198	Lovell (YJ)	334	●+8	10.0	3.0	11.8
160	104	Magnet & South	140	● ..	6.7	4.8	14.6
202	161	Manders	188	+3	10.9	5.8	11.8
188	110	Marshalls (Halifax)	168	+2	7.1	4.2	12.4
107	74	May & Hassell	105	..	5.4n	5.1	..
338	232	McAlpine (Alfred)	334	+6	16.1	4.8	11.3
200	112	Meyer Int	199	+1	7.7	3.9	11.0
28	14	Miller (Stanley)	23	..	0.7	3.0	..
134	105	Monk (A)	123	+1	9.3	7.6	16.6
360	188	Mowlem (John)	360	+6	19.6	5.4	24.3
880	600	Newarthill	880	..	15.7	1.8	16.2
201	143	Nottingham Brick	191	..	9.3	4.9	14.3
135	96	Persimmon	135	..	6.6	5.0	9.9
150	88	Phoenix Timber	104	..	4.3	4.1	3.9
385	180	Pochins	380	..	18.4	4.8	8.4
520	342	RMC	520	+6	18.9	3.6	11.6
397	255	Redland	397	+8	15.5	3.9	14.6
177	93	Roberts Adlard	156	..	8.6	5.5	13.1
228	145	Ruberoid	228	..	11.1	4.9	12.1
161	118	Rugby Cement	153½	-½	8.9	5.8	11.3
273	132	SGB	256	●+2	10.7	4.2	9.7
97	62	Sharpe & Fisher	95	-1	3.2	3.4	14.9
79	53	Smart (J)	74	+2	6.2	8.4	15.7
408	227	Tarmac	388	..	11.7	3.0	16.2
558	348	Taylor Woodrow	525	+4	21.4	4.1	14.2
182	108	Tilbury Group	154	-1	7.0	4.5	13.3
348	225	Travis & Arnold	346	+2	11.3	3.3	12.4
107	87	Trent	92	..	1.6	1.7	11.0
243	143	Turriff	185	..	10.0	5.4	30.4
243	135	Vibroplant	241	●-2	13.4	5.6	10.6
286	128	Ward	286	..	9.6	3.4	14.7
95	68	Warrington (T)	65	+2	5.7n	8.8	7.4
230	173	Watts Blake	186	+2	6.0	3.2	15.0
79	62	Western Bros	76	..	1.4n	1.8	15.2
50	28	Wiggins	45	..	..	..	..
328	172	Wilson (Connolly)	328	..	4.5	1.4	18.1
161	97	Wimpey (George)	161	+13	4.6	2.9	15.3

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

1985 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross div pence	Yld %	P/E
44¾	23⅜	AKZO N/V Bearer	£43	-½	400	9.3	..
256	121	Allied Colloids	186	●+1	3.3	2.0	17.3
383	273	Amersham	328	+3	8.9	2.7	18.0
280	160	Anchor Chemical	225	+5	6.1	2.7	8.3
120	78	BTP	120	+2	5.7	4.8	17.4
91½	51⅝	Bayer DM50	£91½	+2½	700	7.7	..
120	100	Blagden	119	..	10.3	8.7	8.9
134	104	Brent Chems	126	-1	5.1	4.0	16.7
75	9½	Br Benzol	65½	-2	..	..	72.8
107	79	Canning (W)	87	..	5.1	5.9	12.9
275	224	Coalite	252	..	9.5	3.8	13.1
189	131	Coates Bros	144	+1	6.6	4.6	8.7
168	112	Do A	114	+2	6.6	5.8	6.9
26	14	Cory (Horace)	17	+1	0.7	4.1	5.7
151	116	Croda	134	..	10.0	7.5	13.9
106	82	Do Dfd	105	..	..	..	10.9
227	156	Ellis & Everard	192	●+3	8.8	4.6	16.8
258	175	Foseco-Minsep	245	+1	11.9	4.9	9.6
137	66	Halstead (James)	128	-2	5.7	4.5	9.9
488	318	Hickson	403	-2	21.4	5.3	9.2
88	51	Hoechst DM50	£88	+2	..	..	..
884	630	Imp Chem Ind	861	+7	44.3	5.1	8.5
368	278	Laporte	355	+2	10.5	3.0	18.0
121	84	Leigh	108	-1	4.7	4.4	15.6
188	141	Plysu	182	..	3.3	1.8	18.8
82	53	Reabrook Hldgs	68	..	3.0	4.4	13.9
182	126	Rentokil	168	-2	3.2	1.9	22.9
288	94	SNIA BPD	288	+9	..	..	..
328	162	Wolstenholme Rink	205	..	11.1	5.4	9.5
91	56	Yorkshire Chem	90	+8	2.5n	2.8	15.0

CINEMAS AND TV

1985 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross div pence	Yld %	P/E
198	130	Anglia TV 'A'	198	..	12.9	6.5	13.9
64	26	Grampian	32	..	2.4	7.5	7.2
185	118	HTV N/V	180	..	11.0	6.1	8.2
301	218	LWT Hldgs	290	+2	20.8	7.1	11.6
240	128	Scot TV 'A'	240	+8	12.7	5.3	9.7
188	110	TVS N/V	173	● ..	11.4	6.6	8.3
34	23	TSW	34	..	2.4	7.1	9.3

DRAPERY AND STORES

1985 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross div pence	Yld %	P/E
79	50½	Aquascutum 'A'	77½	..	3.3	4.3	29.2
100	51½	Beattie (James) 'A'	90	..	3.0	3.3	14.8
161	80	Bentalls	152	+5	3.1	2.0	30.9
52	9	Blacks Leis	15	-½	..	..	..
66	48	Bremner	56	..	1.4	2.5	41.8
436	235	Br Home Stores	330	+4	11.0	3.3	18.0
585	220	Brown (N)	545	..	13.9	2.6	27.8
317	204	Burtons	252	+10	8.3	2.5	17.4
114	83	Cantors 'A'	100	+1	9.2	3.2	25.7
54	36	Casket (S)	46	..	3.1	6.7	8.9
355	224	Church	350	..	20.7	5.9	11.8
188	87	Combined English	185	+2	7.7	4.2	25.8
138	85	Courts (Furn) 'A'	117	..	6.7	5.7	8.7
93	67½	Dewhirst (IJ)	87	..	1.4	1.6	20.6
10⅜	524	Dixons Grp	£10¼	●+¼	9.1	0.8	30.3
396	271	Dunhill	388	+10	6.1	1.6	19.6
81	56½	Ellis & Goldstein	74	..	3.3	4.5	10.1
650	380	Elys (Wimbledon)	620	..	12.9	2.1	31.1
172	92	Empire Stores	148	..	3.6	2.4	25.3
228	130	Etam	224	+4	4.6	2.1	24.2
98	27	Executex Clothes	69	-2	..	..	12.6
139	72	Fine Art Dev	122	+2	4.7	3.9	21.8
80	25½	Ford (Martin)	78	..	..	..	..
188	143	Forminster	185	● ..	8.6	4.6	9.5
392	182	Freemans	358	+14	8.3	2.3	21.0
110	79½	Geller (AJ)	104	..	7.6	7.3	10.2
154	60	Gent SR	70	..	2.9	4.1	42.2
105	43	Goldberg (A)	102	● ..	2.1	2.1	76.1
237	153	Goldsmiths Gp	188	..	10.7	5.7	13.2
394	152	Gratton	372	+12	5.7	1.5	23.8
13⅛	684	GUS	£13⅛	●+⅛	28.8	2.0	21.6
904	674	Do 'A'	885	●+40	26.8	3.0	14.6
570	306	Habitat Mothercare	453	●+7	15.5	3.4	22.2
286	168	Harris Queensway	216	+12	5.9	2.7	20.0
28½	22	Helene Of London	25½	..	2.3	9.0	8.3
38	21	Hollas	38	● ..	3.0	7.9	15.8
368	240	Home Charm	282	..	4.2	1.5	20.6
128	93	House Of Lerose	114	..	11.4	10.0	10.7
90	71½	Jones (Ernest)	86	..	5.8	6.7	18.5
38	21	Ladies Pride	28	..	2.1	7.5	20.7
134	93	LCP	125	+6	6.0	4.8	21.3
229	100	Lee Cooper	165	-3	5.3	3.2	7.7
845	370	Liberty	810	..	10.0	1.2	37.8
190	142	Lincroft Kilgour	178	..	10.0	5.6	9.2
193	111	Marks & Spencer	185	+5	5.1	2.8	26.6
336	218	Menzies (John)	298	..	5.1	1.7	17.4
195	116	Milletts Leisure	190	..	2.9	1.5	50.8
615	308	Moss Bros	580	..	7.4	1.3	41.7
150	94	NSS Newsagents	136	..	5.1	3.8	14.2
244	154	Next	234	+6	5.4	2.3	27.0
395	313	Oliver (G)	328	..	11.7	3.5	25.5
640	331	Our Price	545	+10	7.9	1.4	34.4
71	33	Pentos	69	-1	0.5	0.7	28.1
97	56	Peters Stores	82	+2	1.4	1.7	39.2
118	69	Preedy (Alfred)	110	+2	5.5	5.0	19.6
131	45	Ratners (Jewellers)	124	●+2	3.7	3.0	38.4
38½	28½	Raybeck	35	-½	1.1	3.1	..
285	155	Reed (Austin)	285	..	7.1	2.5	32.6
183	98	Do 'A'	146	..	7.1	4.9	16.7
38	16	S & U Stores	32	..	..	..	26.4
185	118	Samuel (H)	183	..	6.0	3.7	41.8
92	72	Do 'A'	74	+1	6.0	8.1	19.0
127	78	Sears	122½	..	4.4	3.6	16.1
335	200	Simpson (S) 'A'	315	..	8.2	2.6	12.2
320	160	Smith (WH) 'A'	274	●+8	7.6	2.8	18.8
64	31	Do 'B'	56	●+3	1.5	2.7	19.2
79	42	Stanley (AG)	74	..	3.6	4.9	20.7
115	59	Stenberg	109	-3	3.5	3.2	15.8
85	26	Sumrie Clothes	40	..	..	..	..
501	373	Superdrug Stores	438	+10	6.4	1.5	21.5
57	40	Tern-Consulate	42	..	2.9n	6.9	9.3
61½	27½	Time Products	60½	..	2.5	4.1	12.8
196	180	Underwoods	188	-1	2.4	1.3	33.6
482	267	Vantona Viyella	435	+2	17.1h	3.9	10.4
231	140	WW Group	198	..	11.3	5.7	7.4
328	203	Ward White	288	+6	8.5	3.0	16.7
148	98	Wigfalls	98	-2	3.6n	3.7	..
610	277½	Woolworth	480	+5	12.9	2.6	21.0

ELECTRICALS

1985 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross div pence	Yld %	P/E
537	175	AB Elect	300	+20	11.4	3.8	22.4
356	83	Amstrad	334	-2	1.6	0.5	25.3
285	49	Apricot Computers	64	+2	2.1	3.3	5.0
90	28	Arlen	80	..	..	..	..
303	185	Atlantic Comp	240	-5	2.4	1.0	13.3
60	25	Audio Fidelity	31	..	..	..	16.3
200	138	Auto Sec	185	+2	1.9	1.2	12.9
300	185	BICC	288	+5	15.1	5.2	12.1
165	43	BSR	98	+2	2.4b	2.4	8.5
484	308	Bowthorpe	474	+6	8.2	1.7	22.0
208	104½	Br Telecom 90p P	187	●+1	8.8	5.3	12.3
97	70	Brown Boveri Kent	86	..	3.6	4.2	11.8
31	10	Bulgin (AF) 'A'	13½	..	1.9	14.1	31.4
308	65	CASE	104	+2	1.9	1.8	8.7
653	440	Cable & Wireless	613	●+3	13.6	2.2	20.4
378	195	Cambridge Elec	293	+3	10.2	3.5	13.6
213	138	CAP Gp	213	● ..	2.1	1.0	..
53	26	Chloride	47	..	..	..	..
226	129	Do 7½% CPF	191	-2	..	..	11.0
255	183	Comcap	230	+5	1.7	0.7	17.9
291	200	Cray Elect	288	●+2	4.6	1.6	32.7
240	95	Crystalate	158	..	6.1	3.9	9.6
85	61	Dale Elect	72	..	6.4	8.9	25.1
180	97	Dataserv	170	..	1.0	0.6	..
37	14	Dewhurst 'A'	34	● ..	1.5	4.4	7.6
310	245	Domino	305	..	2.5	0.8	25.1
46	31	Dowding & Mills	41	..	2.0	4.9	13.1
208	134	Dubilier	188	+2	4.0	2.1	13.8
410	255	Electrocomponents	410	+5	7.9	1.9	25.4
95	36	Electronic Mach	62	●-1	1.0	1.5	84.9
55	39	Electronic Rentals	48	●+1	4.6	10.0	18.1
263	156	Emess Lighting	257	+15	7.9	3.1	27.1
368	258	Eurotherm	340	●-5	6.8	2.0	17.3
221	138	Farnell Elect	205	..	2.9	1.4	23.7
184	104	Ferranti	136	+6	2.3	1.7	19.1
190	89	First Castle Elec	183	+2	3.0	1.6	18.3
40	20	Forward Tech	35	..	..	..	17.7
220	150	GEC	208	●+10	5.8	2.8	14.2
184	94	Grosvenor	95	..	8.2	8.6	7.9
129	78	Highland Elect	97	..	3.6	3.7	12.4
150	130	IEL	150	..	1.7	1.1	18.8
353	243	Int Signal & Control	318	-2	1.0	0.3	..
200	130	Jones Stroud	182	..	10.7	5.9	8.8
215	85	Kode	95	..	7.1	7.5	8.1
341	218	Lec Refrigeration	250	..	17.9	7.2	6.9
368½	98	Logica	154	+7	1.4	0.9	16.7
335	220	MK Elect	318	..	14.6	4.6	10.4
400	235	Memec	388	..	3.6	0.9	36.3
235	34	Micro BS	75	-1	2.5	3.3	11.8
970	100	Micro Focus	190	+20	..	..	..
98	33	Mullitone Elec	48	-2	4.0n	8.3	38.1
94	59	Murray Elect	60	..	0.1	0.2	..
45	16	Newman	32	..	1.1	3.4	9.3
283	170	Newmark (Louis)	280	● ..	19.3	6.9	12.8
98	78½	NEI	98	+5	7.5	7.7	16.5
172	22	Oceonics	43	..	1.1	2.6	8.7
436	238	Oxford Instruments	436	●+8	2.0	0.5	23.5
58	43	Petbow	48	● ..	1.6	3.3	17.8
44	24	Phicom	29	..	1.6	5.6	8.1
163¾	95¾	Philips Fin 5¾%	£163¾	+1½	575	3.5	..
17½	10	Philips Lamps N/V	£17⅛	-⅛	..	..	..
205	115	Pifco	190	..	7.5	3.9	10.4
180	111½	Do 'A' Ltd Voting	150	..	7.5	5.0	8.2
214	114	Plessey	208	+8	6.3	3.0	16.6
20½	13⅝	Do ADR 25	£19⅛	..	..	..	..
166	85	Pressac	145	..	3.1	2.1	21.1
80	28	Quest Automation	33	..	..	..	15.8
288	120	Racal Elect	198	●+10	4.3	2.2	12.7
198	142	Rotaflex	178	+8	6.7	3.8	11.0
503	382	Scholes (GH)	488	+3	28.6	5.9	11.0
88	71	Shorrock	77	-1	2.1	2.7	16.6
140	21	Sound Diffusion	45½	..	0.6	1.3	8.8
289	72	STC	104	+6	..	..	5.3
197	137	Stone Int	170	● ..	8.5	3.8	10.6
119	74	System Designers	100	+4	0.6	0.6	36.8
21⅝	10¼	TDK	£15⅛	-⅛	..	..	..
230	168	Telephone Rentals	186	+1	10.0	5.4	13.5
400	89	Telemetrix	110	..	2.5	2.3	6.3
484	301	Thorn EMI	442	●+8	25.0	5.7	15.8
185	149	Thorpe (FW)	177	+2	5.8	3.2	8.8
385	168	Tunstall Telecom	270	..	2.4	0.9	18.6
258	158	UEI	258	+2	7.5	2.9	23.1
306	173	Unitech	255	+2	8.5	3.3	13.6
350	236	Utd Leasing	246	..	5.3	2.2	7.8
270	150	Utd Scientific	165	● ..	8.1	4.9	14.1
350	244	VG Instruments	346	+2	2.7	0.8	30.0
258	123	Volex	251	●+1	11.4	4.5	10.4
65	40	Western Selection	54	..	3.9	7.2	12.6
103	58	Whitworth Elec	85	..	2.2	2.6	13.0
325	220	Wholesale Fitting	243	..	9.8	4.0	12.4

FINANCE AND LAND

1985 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross div pence	Yld %	P/E
334	210	Abingworth	238	-2	1.8	0.8	..
193	128	Aitken Hume	168	-4	11.0	6.5	7.1
345	200	Antofagasta	345	..	20.0	5.8	5.6
151	70	Berkley Tech	118	-2	..	..	..
28½	17⅛	Camellia	£25	..	15.7	0.6	..
218	159	Candover	194	-4	2.9	1.5	57.6
36	10	Centreway	20	..	..	..	..
20⅝	16⅛	Equity & Gen	18½	..	1.3	7.0	8.3
253	120	Hambro	251	●-2	10.4	4.1	36.0
193	91	Ivory & Sime	168	-2	6.1	3.6	29.3
173	114	Majedie	163	-1	8.9	5.5	23.4
47	37	Nat Home Loans	40	-1	..	..	..
48¼	38	Do 8%	£41	..	800	19.5	..

FOODS

1985 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross div pence	Yld %	P/E
166	128	ASDA-MFI	144	●-2	4.1	2.8	18.4
27	18	Alpine Drinks	22	..	2.6	11.8	..
375	253	Argyll	348	..	11.1n	3.2	16.9
270	194	AB Food	260	●+2	8.0	3.1	12.4
128	88	Assoc Fisheries	120	●+1	4.6	3.8	35.7
679	559	Avana	592	●+3	16.6	2.8	18.1
260	195	Banks (Sidney C)	248	..	14.6	5.9	7.3
13½	8	Barker & Dobson	11½	..	..	..	18.5
301	183	Barr (AG)	301	..	12.1	4.0	8.5
208	135	Bassett Foods	165	-5	9.7	5.9	9.5
128	85½	Batleys	98	●-3	3.0	3.1	11.6
185	140	Bejam	167	+3	5.4	3.2	20.0
82	60	Bluebird Conf	80	+4	7.4	9.3	22.7
87	37½	Br Vending (BVI)	67	..	1.7	2.5	15.3
177	131	Cadbury-Schweppes	174	+3	8.4	4.8	11.7
188	106	Carrs Milling	173	..	8.6	5.0	9.5
180	130	Cliffords Dairies	180	+5	9.6	5.3	13.5
172	115	Do 'A'	172	+3	9.6	5.6	12.9
315	119	Cullens	250	..	..	..	..
285	149	Dee	280	●-3	9.7	3.7	26.8
171	94	Fisher (Albert)	167	-1	3.2	1.9	22.6
272	193	Fitch Lovell	265	●-3	14.6	5.5	20.1
313	220	Glass Glover	246	..	5.6	2.3	17.9
848	546	Hazlewood Foods	803	-15	11.4	1.4	26.0
228	180	Hillards	183	..	4.4	2.4	18.1
218	143	Hillsdown Hldgs	201	-2	5.3	2.6	23.2
85	52	Home Farm	80	+1	4.6	5.8	8.2
612	369	Iceland Frozen	529	+5	6.6	1.3	28.5
244	170	Kwik Save	228	-2	6.9	3.0	16.8
108	47½	Lees (John J)	106	● ..	2.1	2.0	15.5
85	47	Lovell (GF)	65	+5	4.3	6.6	47.1
638	498	Low (Wm)	545	..	17.1	3.1	17.2
590	254	Matthews (Bernard)	585	..	11.1	1.9	27.6
113	76½	Meat Trade Supp	93	●-2	7.5	8.1	14.1
158	94	Morrison (W)	158	-2	1.7	1.1	23.8
270	197	Nichols (JN) (Vimto)	240	+5	7.9	3.3	19.0
83	67½	Normans	74½	● ..	2.6	3.5	16.4
304	204	Nthn Foods	272	●+4	10.4	3.8	14.6
170	130	Nurdin & Peacock	156	..	5.2	3.3	14.8
137	105	Park Foods	128	●+1	5.4	4.2	12.9
187	122	RHM	186	+2	7.8	4.2	12.4
465	340	Rowntree Mac	448	-2	16.3	3.6	12.7
390	266	Sainsbury (J)	370	+4	6.8	1.8	24.3
145	117	Salvesen (Chstn)	142	+2	4.1	2.9	18.7
190	20	Somportex	176	-2	..	..	..
603	418	Tate & Lyle	598	+5	31.4	5.3	12.2
313	219	Tesco	313	●+7	7.4	2.4	21.9
240	140	Unigate	238	●+2	12.4	5.2	15.7
293	164	Utd Biscuits	225	-8	10.8	4.8	12.3
158	90	Watson & Philip	139	●-1	8.3	6.0	17.4

HOTELS AND CATERERS

1985 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross div pence	Yld %	P/E
413	275	Grand Met	390	+4	14.3	3.7	11.9
248	186	Kennedy Brookes	248	+10	2.1	0.8	12.8
332	241	Ladbroke	330	+5	15.0	4.5	18.9
465	348	Lon Park Hotels	450	..	14.3h	3.2	19.5
98	77	Mount Charlotte	93½	-½	1.8	1.9	17.3
112	67	Prince Of W Hotels	73	..	2.1	2.9	13.2
68½	48½	Queens Moat	68	-½	2.2h	3.2	18.9
415	353	Savoy Hotels 'A'	388	..	3.6	0.9	19.1
78	29	Stakis	73	+1	1.7	2.3	18.0
169	119	Trusthouse Forte	163	● ..	7.8	4.8	16.2

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1985 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross div pence	Yld %	P/E
216	118	AAH	216	+12	9.7	4.5	17.1
257	182	AGB Research	214	● ..	9.8	4.5	23.0
128	93	AIM	96	●-2	8.2	8.5	10.8
301	218	APV	288	..	16.1	5.6	35.0
112	71	Aaronson	87	..	8.0	6.9	8.2
222	148	Adwest	198	+4	11.1	5.6	12.6
280	135	Alexandra W'wear	260	..	7.1	2.7	20.0
145	85	Amber Ind	130	..	9.7	7.5	9.4
370	86	Appledore	354	● ..	8.6	2.4	19.5
42	24	Arenson	33	..	..	..	6.7
30	15½	Armour	27	..	0.3	1.1	13.9
425	325	Ash & Lacey	365	+5	26.8	7.8	11.2
87	14	Ashley	77	..	..	..	46.1
303	165	Ass Br Eng 8%	298	..	11.4	3.8	..
406	303	Assoc Heat	368	-3	16.7	4.5	17.8
45	15½	Aurora	42	-½	1.1h	2.6	12.0
345	218	Avon Rubber	293	+3	8.1	2.8	10.5
75	25	Ayrshire Metal	75	..	2.1	2.8	20.2
211	52	BBA	199	-1	2.9n	1.5	24.9
398	278	BET Dfd	398	+3	21.8	5.5	16.1
87	59	BETEC	70	+3	2.1	3.0	9.1
328	248	BOC	324	●+3	13.4	4.1	12.3
428	296	BTR	423	+2	10.5	2.5	24.3
187	115	Babcock	186	..	11.8	6.4	10.4
30½	13½	Bailey (CH)	22½	+1	..	..	23.7
461	325	Baird (Wm)	460	..	26.0b	5.7	10.9
253	160	Baker Perkins	247	..	10.2	4.1	10.4
153	54	Barro Ind	153	+3	7.9	5.2	17.6
151	112	Barham	149	+3	2.9	1.9	22.5
495	180	Barlow Rand	368	+5	..	..	..
48	36	Barrow Hepburn	48	..	3.4	7.1	14.7
210	130	Barton Transport	180	..	25.7	14.3	5.6
61	23	Baynes (Charles)	30	● ..	2.2	7.3	..
184	138	Beeson Clarke	170	..	9.4	5.5	8.0
96	60	Beauford	96	+3	6.8	6.9	8.9
381	275	Beecham	361	-7	16.1	4.5	15.0
		Bellair Cosmetics					
45	18	Benlox	24	+1	1.8	6.7	13.3
190	132	Berisford (S&W)	154	..	15.0	9.7	4.7
116	73	Beresfords	113	●+11	7.5	6.6	10.8
327	100	Besobell	120	● ..	6.1	5.1	6.8
345	204	Bestobell	254	..	..	..	13.3
436	129	Bestwood	425	+15	8.8b	2.0	53.5
32	15	Bevan (DF)	28	+1	2.0h	7.1	6.8
305	220	Bibby (J)	300	..	9.5	3.2	18.3
183	135	Bodie	143	..	14.3	10.0	7.1
103	61	Billam (J)	98	-2	4.0	4.2	6.1
109	80	Birmid Qualcast	107	+2½	5.4	5.0	8.8
128	102½	Birmingham Mint	125	..	8.6	6.9	12.8
174	75	Black Arrow	174	..	6.4	3.7	14.6
243	190	Black (Peter)	216	..	2.4	1.1	20.5
44½	22	Blackwood Hodge	41½	..	..	..	10.0
214	79	Bodycote	214	..	8.6	4.0	10.6
308	223	Booker McConnell	300	-5	16.4	5.5	12.5
274	160	Boots	238	+5	9.3	3.9	16.4
10½	5⅝	Boulton (Wm)	9	..	..	..	..
368	214	Bowater	315	+7	12.5	4.0	11.6
24	15	Bowater Inc	£19⅛	..	..	..	..
138	75	Braithwaite Grp	113	+7	13.0n	11.5	..
412	277	Brammer	348	+7	17.9	5.1	17.7
72	38	Brasway	67	● ..	3.2	4.8	9.7
57	30	Brengreen	36½	+½	2.1	5.8	11.8
54	28	Bridgend Gp	44	..	..	..	..
150	97	Bridon	129	-1	6.1	4.7	9.9
179	99½	Bridport-Gundry	173	+6	7.1	4.0	14.0
156	115	Br Bldg & Eng App	125	+2	0.9	0.7	66.8
146	114	Br Steam	172	..	9.6	5.6	11.9
146	77	Br Syphon	112	..	3.8	3.4	29.9
227	153	Br Vita	228	..	9.3	4.1	9.3
383	227½	Broken Hill	336	-8	..	..	..
47	24	Bromsgrove Inds	47	..	1.6	3.4	10.4
19	10½	Brons Eng	18	..	0.7	4.4	..
34	22	Brooke Tool	32	● ..	1.8	5.6	6.5
175	121	Brown & Tawse	175	●+1	9.6	5.5	11.8
38	21	Brown (John)	21	..	..	..	..
71	50	Brunsons (Mus)	56	-1	4.3	7.7	12.6
293	184	Bullough	261	●+3	11.7	4.5	12.4
172	110	Burgess	148	..	2.9	2.0	14.1
71	38	Burns-Anderson	62	..	3.9	6.3	13.4
63	38	Camford Eng	60	-½	2.5	4.2	7.1
35	25½	Caparo Ind	33½	+½	2.4	7.2	13.7
93	63	Cape Ind	83	-2	..	..	4.4
295	169	Cardo Eng	280	● ..	17.9b	6.4	6.7
63	39	Castings	60	..	3.8	6.3	9.0
35	20	Celestion	33	+1½	1.4	4.2	16.7
11	4½	Central & Sheer	7½	-½	..	..	15.0
27	10	Centreway Ind	18	..	..	..	30.8
50	40	CH Ind	48	● ..	3.1	6.5	8.7
85½	65½	Chamberlain Ph	70½	+½	5.5	7.8	9.1
84	48	Chamberlin & Hill	81	..	5.0	6.2	8.6
230	186	Charter Cons	230	-2	15.7	6.9	44.8
578	401	Chemring	578	..	19.3	3.3	12.6
330	208	Christies Int	330	+10	7.9	2.4	17.2
43	31	Christy Hunt	38	..	..	..	10.7
190	73	Clarke (Clement)	175	-5	6.5	3.7	27.1
145	62	Clayton Son	113	..	10.7	9.5	8.8
530	390	Cohen (A)	410	● ..	15.4	3.8	7.8
191	102	Coloroll Gp	188	+6	6.5	3.5	17.0
38	7	Combined Tech	15½	..	..	..	..
86	61	Concentric	84	..	5.3	6.3	11.5
28	20	Cont Stationery	27	..	2.5	9.3	6.9
92	52	Cook (Wm)	82	..	4.9	5.3	15.5
450	230½	Cookson	450	+7	9.3	2.1	12.8
270	135	Cope Allman	270	+2	10.0	3.7	12.5
70	22	Copson (F)	53	-2	2.1	4.0	28.8
75½	55	Cosalt	70	+1	3.9	5.6	10.8
385	210	Courtney Pope	360	..	12.1	3.4	11.5
81	31	Cowan De Groot	73	●-7	3.2	4.4	32.6
139	80	Crest Nicholson	139	+1	5.9	4.2	11.6
178	128	Crown House	178	+1	11.1	6.2	10.2
287½	148½	Cummins 3¾%	£198½	..	375	1.9	..
43	22	DSC	39	..	0.7n	1.8	..
483	350	DPCE	465	+17	4.3	0.9	33.8
252½	156½	Dalgety	243	+5	17.9	7.4	9.3
28⅛	15⅛	Dana	£22⅛	..	..	..	..
68	33	Davies & Met 'A'	53	-5	3.2	6.0	..
220	133	Davies & Newman	208	-2	13.4	6.4	8.6
127	81	Davy	95	-2	5.3	5.6	9.3
940	715	De La Rue	860	-5	42.9	5.0	11.3
203	105½	Delta	202	+1	7.2	3.6	11.0
208	108	Dentend Stamping	200	●-3	9.3	4.7	11.4
215	132	Desoutter	211	..	9.7	4.6	8.8
19½	10½	Dinkie Heel	18½	..	0.8	4.3	17.5
318	158	Diploma	318	+5	7.5	2.4	19.7
97½	68	Dobson Park	91	●-1	7.4	8.1	13.0
115	73	Dom	110	● ..	7.1	6.5	12.2
118	74	Dominion Int	100	-1	7.6	7.6	7.5
74	28	Duport	72	..	2.6	3.6	18.5
48	12	Dwek	40	..	..	..	20.6
91	66	Dyson (J&J)	88	● ..	5.7	6.5	21.4
87	64	Do 'A'	78	●-1	5.7	7.3	19.0

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1985 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross div pence	Yld %	P/E
395	283	Eastern Prod	300	..	14.3	4.8	3.1
178	108	Edbro	178	+3	10.0	5.6	7.6
240	148	EIS	236	+3	8.9	3.7	14.5
37	27½	Eleief	34½	..	2.5	7.2	14.6
119	85	Elcco	110	+1	5.3	4.8	11.9
31⅝	12⅛	Electrolux (AE) 'B'	£23⅛	+⅛	..	..	..
87	51	Elliott (B)	55	● ..	2.9	5.3	18.2
29⅛	18½	Emhart	£25	..	13.9	5.5	..
310	218	English China Clay	305	-3	15.7	5.1	12.1
30	16⅝	Ericsson (LM) 'B'	£23⅛	..	9.0	0.4	..
158	78	Erskine House	156	..	4.0	2.6	21.3
170	115	European Ferries	168	+7	6.1	3.6	11.4
163	101	Do 5% Prf	114	..	7.1	6.2	..
270	139	Evered	194	..	4.6	2.4	18.9
140	104	Evode	118	..	4.6	3.9	13.2
154	90	Expamet Int	151	..	7.5	5.0	19.6
408	272	Exlel	386	+6	9.6	2.4	23.3
42	23	Falcon	24	..	1.4	5.8	6.2
37	26	Feedex Agric Ind	30	..	1.4	4.7	53.8
150	108	Fenner (JH)	112	+1	7.1	6.3	17.6
185	60	Fife Indmar	65	..	5.0h	7.7	6.7
501	260	Fisons	498	+17	6.9	1.4	28.6
47	32	Fitzwilton	37	-1	1.0	2.7	..
112	68	Flexello C&W	104	● ..	5.4	5.2	7.8
46	20	Fobel	40	+3	0.6	1.5	4.8
115	55	Fogarty	110	..	5.7	5.2	42.3
30½	20½	Folkes Group N/V	28½	-1	1.9	6.7	6.4
172	135	Fothergill & Harvey	161	..	11.8	7.3	14.5
89	43	French (Thomas)	55	●+2	4.1	7.5	..
112	84	GEI Int	98	..	8.4	8.6	14.5
313	188	GKN	313	+8	15.7	5.0	12.4
280	200	GR	280	..	10.0	3.6	7.7
78	55	Garton Eng	78	+1	4.3	5.7	8.2
121	89	Gestetner	119	●+2	2.1	1.8	11.0
128	64	Glaves	128	+2	4.3b	3.4	17.3
16⅛	533½	Glaxo	905	+8	14.3	1.6	24.3
288	184	Glynwed	288	+6	13.9	4.8	16.5
85	30	Gomme	85	..	2.9	3.4	6.9
540	433	Goring Kerr	465	+30	15.0	3.2	17.8
201	85	Grampian Hldgs	199	+1	7.9	4.0	26.0
312	146	Granada	308	●+66	10.1	3.3	24.4
16⅛	7½	Grovebell	10	+¼	0.7	7.0	5.4
70½	39	Habit Precision	65	●+1	2.5	3.8	13.7
160	114	Hall Eng	154	..	11.2	7.3	10.0
186	138	Hall (M)	140	..	6.8n	4.9	10.7
230	143	Halma	190	●-3	12.9	6.8	13.5
243	155	Halma	241	..	2.2	0.9	36.5
34	19¼	Hampson Ind	28½	●+½	1.7h	6.0	10.4
62	35	Hanimex	42	-2	..	..	..
181	133½	Hanson	147	-1	6.7h	3.9	10.3
190⅛	135	Do 8% Cnv	£152	-4	800	5.3	..
110½	96½	Do 5¾%	102½	-1	8.2	8.0	..
152	92	Hargreaves	151	..	7.0	4.6	17.3
195	127	Harris (Philip)	195	..	12.1	6.2	18.7
513	359	Hawker Siddeley	511	..	17.4	3.4	11.2
114	68	Hawley	108	-2	2.7	2.5	9.5
121	73	Hay (Norman)	105	..	5.4	5.1	14.5
172	120	Hepworth Ceramic	157	+2	9.9	6.3	11.2
128	55	Hestair	128	+2	5.1	4.0	54.0
92	54	Hewitt (J)	73	..	3.4	4.7	9.7
140	56	Highgate & Job	135	..	..	..	28.2
83	62	Hollis Bros	73	-1	..	..	36.7
94	67	Holt Lloyd	80	●+2	5.4	6.9	11.7
180	100	Hopkinsons	180	+2	8.8	4.9	11.8
15	7	Howard Machinery	..	..	..	..	..
104	67	Howden	91	..	4.8	5.3	9.1
14⅛	8⅝	Hudson Bay	£13	..	59.0	4.5	..
268	165	Hunting Assoc	260	+18	10.7	4.1	9.5
106	80	Hunting Group	90	..	8.8	9.8	19.2
269½	201	Hutchison Whampoa	248½	-4½	..	..	..
145	88	IMI	145	+5	6.7	4.6	13.1
265	190	Isotron	241	-1	1.8	0.7	44.7
310	205	Jacksons Bourne	295	+2	8.6	2.9	16.5
133½	93	Jardine Math	117	+1	..	..	..
490	423	Johnson Cleaners	489	-1	28.0	5.7	14.3
170	63	Johnson Matthey	168	+8	0.7	0.4	21.5
29	11½	Johnson & FB	28½	+½	..	..	14.3
270	180	Johnston	270	..	10.4	3.9	17.2
79	41	Jones & Shipman	78	..	4.1	5.4	9.6
180	114	Jourdan (Thomas)	158	..	9.5	6.0	12.1
36	22	Kalamazoo	25	..	2.9	11.6	6.4
29½	22½	Kalon	27	●+1½	1.7	6.3	19.3
235	165	Kelsey Ind	191	● ..	11.4	6.0	8.3
125	78	Kennedy Smale	123	+2	2.0h	1.6	21.6
365	230	Kershaw (A)	270	+10	21.4	7.9	14.0
208	155	Kitchen (Rbt Taylor)	208	..	15.7	7.5	8.2
148	80	Klean-E-Ze	143	..	7.1	5.0	30.7

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1985 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross div pence	Yld %	P/E
31	13	LDH	31	..	0.5b	1.6	18.7
303	165	Lap	303	..	6.8	2.2	27.9
269	140	Laird	288	+1	8.0	3.0	12.1
174	86	Lamont	152	+5	5.1	3.4	13.4
61	25½	Lawtex	61	..	2.1	3.4	6.4
56	24½	Lee (Arthur)	55½	●-½	3.0	5.4	7.9
44	28	Lifecare	29	-1	..	..	24.6
83	62	Lilleshall	72	..	2.9	4.0	11.7
86	27	Linread	74	..	2.9b	3.5	..
72	32	Lloyd (FH)	57½	..	3.6	6.3	16.7
31	20½	Locker (T)	28	-1	1.9	6.6	9.2
232	175	Lon Midland	182	+2	14.2	7.8	12.1
138	83	Do Dfd	100	..	..	..	..
85	56	Lon & Nthn	69½	..	7.4	10.6	8.2
195	99	Lon Int	195	+1	5.9	3.0	20.6
165	88	Longton Ind	165	● ..	4.3	2.6	21.5
385	157	Low & Bonar	385	-3	12.9b	3.1	12.8
380	221	ML Hldgs	353	●+7	11.1b	3.1	19.9
84	35	MS Int	80	● ..	0.7	0.8	11.9
41½	22½	MY Dart	38½	..	1.2	3.1	44.8
291	144	Macarthys Pharm	291	..	13.6n	4.7	14.2
150	87½	Macfarlane	128	+3	3.2	2.5	20.9
47	34	Maclellan (P&W)	45	..	2.6	5.8	10.0
231	112	McKechnie	220	..	12.9b	5.9	15.5
68	45	Magnolia	66	..	3.9	4.5	12.3
588	206	Manchester Ship	580	+30	8.6	1.5	10.8
68	51	Manganese Bronze	55	..	4.3	7.8	6.4
122	70½	Marley	111	..	5.4	4.9	13.7
107	51½	Marling	80	..	2.3	2.8	10.1
85	46	Marshall (Loxley)	82	..	4.3	5.4	12.5
85	37	Do 'A'	80	..	4.3	5.2	12.9
77	53	Marshalls Univ	65	-2	2.8	4.2	17.1
398	285	Martonair	388	-1	15.7	4.0	18.8
700	376	Metal Box	665	+5	24.6	3.6	18.9
172	106	Metal Closures	135	+1	9.6	7.2	8.3
72	50	Metalrax	71	..	3.4b	4.8	12.7
86	55	Mitchell Cotts	78	..	6.1	7.8	7.9
84	56	Mitchell Somers	78	-1	5.0	6.6	14.7
188	126	Molins	163	..	11.3	6.9	10.9
253	187	Morgan Crucible	253	+2	12.1	4.8	14.8
130	89	Moss (Robert)	103	..	4.4	4.3	11.5
25½	9	Neepsend	24	+½	0.1n	0.4	12.4
202	119	Neill (J)	192	-5	10.0	5.2	8.1
144	74	Newman Tonks	129	●+3	7.9	6.1	10.0
65	26	Nolton	62	-1	1.4	2.3	69.7
217	147	Norcros	202	..	12.6	6.2	10.2
253	148	Office Elect Mach	213	..	11.4	5.4	11.9
298	165	Parker Knoll 'A'	273	-4	13.6	5.0	8.9
298	123	Park Place	233	..	8.9	3.8	19.7
623	285	Parrish JT	623	..	..	..	..
435	285	Pearson	425	+2	13.9	3.3	14.7
31	11	Peek	18½	..	..	..	39.3
97	73	Peerless	98	● ..	9.0n	9.4	13.0
405	258	Pegler-Hattersley	398	-2	21.4	5.4	11.8
385	99	Pentland Ind	385	+20	1.5	0.4	37.0
11½	4½	Photo-Me	£11½	..	7.5	0.7	29.8
405	248	Pilkington	405	+15	17.9	4.4	9.2
72	48	Plastic Constr	69	..	4.0	5.8	11.4
700	490	Portals	700	..	27.9	4.0	14.3
300	183	Porter Chadburn	243	..	1.5n	0.6	..
314	238	Powell Duffryn	276	+4	21.7	7.9	14.8
140	39	Prestwich Hldgs	128	..	0.8	0.6	27.7
98	66½	Pritchard Serv	68½	-5½	5.4	7.8	8.1
103½	73½	RFD	98	●+1	5.5	5.6	12.2
148	77	RHP	148	↑+1½	6.1	4.1	10.9
133	72	Radiant Metal	128	..	3.6	2.8	..
394	288	Rank Org	547	+3	21.4	3.9	15.7
158	65	Ransome Sims	158	+10	8.1	3.9	12.8
145	100	Ratcliffs (Gt Bridge)	133	+3	5.0	3.8	4.8
710	475	Reckitt & Colman	702	+12	21.1	3.0	18.3
148	68	Redfearn Glass	135	●+4	2.9	2.1	8.1
217	120	Reed Executive	217	+12	5.9	2.3	18.0
754	528	Reed Int	754	+17	27.5	3.6	13.4
160	83	Relyon	136	..	6.4	4.7	10.6
68½	45	Renold	83	-½	1.0	1.5	9.1
120	86	Restmor	95	● ..	5.7	5.9	14.8
400	270	Reuters	383	-3	4.6	1.2	29.0
25½	18	Rexmore	25½	..	1.4h	5.5	10.0
145	87	Ricardo Eng	145	+6	3.9	2.7	15.8
65	35	Richard (Leics)	61	..	1.4	2.3	5.0
28	18	Richardson West	19½	..	..	..	..
159	105	Robertson Res	128	..	3.1	2.4	78.9
218	37	Robinson (Thomas)	218	+6	..	..	22.4
58	30	Rockware	38	-1	..	..	3.5
192	125	Ropner	136	..	9.3	6.8	8.0
180	126	Do 'A'	134	..	9.3	6.9	7.9
9	3	Rotaprint	5	..	..	..	2.4
137	105	Rotork	131	..	8.9	6.3	10.9
118	83	Russell (A)	114	..	2.0	1.8	81.6

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1985 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross div pence	Yld %	P/E
47	16	SI	22½	-½	2.3n	10.2	4.8
265	131	Sale Tilney	257	+2	7.6	3.0	16.3
88	65	Sandhurst	60	+4	1.7	2.8	17.3
89	43	Savile Gordon (J)	58	● ..	3.5	6.0	13.6
502	366	Scapa	430	+2	16.1	3.7	9.8
116	86	Scott Greenham	107	+1	4.3	4.0	14.9
132	60	Scott Heritable	132	+2	4.0	3.0	13.4
115	88	Scott & Robertson	102	..	3.6	3.5	13.6
164	109½	Securicor	154	..	1.7	1.1	24.6
154	110	Do 'A'	144	..	1.6	1.1	23.0
165	116½	Security Serv	154	..	3.4	2.2	28.1
35	19	Senior Eng	34½	..	2.3	6.7	14.2
98	38	Shiloh	88	..	3.2	3.6	5.9
182	123	Sidlaw	133	● ..	12.9	9.7	8.2
720	419	Siebe	728	●+3	17.5	2.4	18.2
43	28	Silentnight	37	+1	3.9n	10.5	12.1
280	180	Simon Eng	194	+4	11.4	5.9	7.3
110½	83½	Six Hundred	100	+1	7.9	7.9	9.1
427	320	Sketchley	418	..	22.4	5.4	17.8
31⅛	18	SKF 'B'	£25⅛	-½	..	..	..
222	184	Smith & Nephew	220	+2	3.8	2.8	22.1
44	28	Smith Whitworth	31	..	0.4	1.3	20.9
264	151	Smiths Ind	261	+10	6.4	2.5	20.3
84	30	Sparrow (GW)	77	..	1.1	1.4	30.6
215	83	Spear (JW)	215	..	5.7	2.7	18.5
280	130	Spear & Jackson	280	..	8.6	3.1	12.2
160	35	Spencer Clark	158	● ..	4.5	2.7	8.8
184	122	Spirax-Sarco	158	+2	6.7	4.2	12.8
129	58	Staffs Potteries	86	-8	4.3	3.6	12.2
103	50	Stag Furniture	121	..	3.9	4.5	..
119	78	Standard Fireworks	104	..	5.5	5.3	8.1
63	28	Star Comp	69	+6	..	..	26.3
405	282	Staveley	403	..	23.6	5.9	11.2
396	285	Steetley	339	+1	17.9	4.6	12.5
103	58	Sterling Ind	103	●+2	3.3	3.2	33.8
203	130	Stocklake	203	..	17.1	8.4	4.3
120	78	Stonehill	81	..	8.6	10.6	8.5
210	113	Stothert & Pitt	181	-2	..	..	6.3
243	178	Sunlight Serv	192	..	12.9	6.7	9.2
52	24	Suedia Speakman	36	-1	..	..	34.3
212	112	Suter	209	+5	6.0	2.9	19.8
313	207½	Swire Pacific 'A'	303	-8	..	..	..
38	6	Sycamore	30	-3	..	..	..
240	160	Sylvone	196	..	14.3	7.2	7.9
422	208	TI	407	..	14.3	3.5	19.0
153	81	TNT	142	+1	..	..	..
320	84	TSL Thermal	243	..	4.3	1.8	12.4
531½	331	Tace	470	●+10	9.5	2.0	22.0
39⅛	21	Takeda Chem	£36½	-⅛	..	..	..
9	5⅛	Talbex	6½	-½	0.3h	4.6	8.2
84	44	Telfos	81	-3	3.9b	4.9	15.8
163	80	Tex Hldgs	163	..	0.1h	3.7	17.2
85	65	Third Mile	95	..	2.9	3.1	14.3
141	35	Thomson T-Line	141	..	..	..	..
176	104	Tionook	174	..	5.3	3.0	23.8
248	137	Tomkins (FH)	214	● ..	3.5	1.6	26.8
400	308	Trafalgar House	321	-1	16.4	5.1	8.7
231	196	Transcontinental	210	●-2	9.6	4.6	15.4
156	105½	Transport Dev	150	-2	8.1	5.4	13.5
19½	7¼	Tranwood	17½	..	..	..	21.9
80	38	Triefus	80	..	0.1n	0.1	..
88½	29½	Triplex	85	..	2.9b	3.4	13.0
148	81	Turner & Newall	138	-2	4.1	2.9	6.4
175	94	UKO	150	-4	7.1	4.7	7.0
124	20	Ungroup	117	..	1.8n	1.4	28.1
14⅛	998	Unilever	£14	..	60.5	3.8	13.1
83⅜	44⅛	Unilever (NV)	£80⅜	-¼	..	..	..
235	154	Valor	225	-1	8.7	3.0	11.3
380	210	Vickers	358	+13	15.7	4.4	13.3
140	78	Victor Products	128	..	6.6	5.2	13.3
206	101	Vinten	188	●+5	4.5b	2.5	31.8
165½	82⅛	Volkswagen	£158½	+¼	..	..	..
305	142	Vosper	199	..	..	..	7.3
86	30	WSL	..	..	..	..	..
174	110	Wade Potteries	148	+6	4.3	2.9	14.8
210	96	Wadkin	208	-2	2.1	1.0	..
187	125	Wagon Ind	187	● ..	11.1	5.9	12.7
89	34½	Waterford Glass	89	+1	1.9	1.9	..
185	145	Watshams	173	● ..	5.1b	2.9	24.7
288	61	Watson (R Kelvin)	288	..	2.3	0.9	30.0
272	180½	Wedgwood	265	..	10.7	4.0	12.5
84	49	Weir	63	..	4.1n	4.9	6.9
23	6	Wellman	23	..	..	..	..
118	45	Westland	78	-2	4.3	5.9	25.3
118	89	Weeks	117½	-½	7.9	6.7	16.2
265	185	Whatman Reeve	245	..	3.1	1.3	22.1
112	84	Whessoe	90	-2	7.9	8.8	7.9
198	136	Whitecroft	190	+2	11.3	5.9	10.1
224	128	Wilkes (James)	180	+2	9.4	5.2	12.5
486	168	Williams Hldgs	486	+8	10.0	2.1	24.8
188	128	Wills Gp	158	..	11.4	7.2	45.3
476	137	Wolseley-Hughes	476	+1	12.6	2.6	14.2
91	48	Wood (Arthur)	64	+4	5.0	7.8	4.9
40	16	Wood (SW)	28	..	1.4	5.0	9.8
78	15	Woodhouse & Rix	73	-½	2.9	4.0	28.6
89	68	Wyndham Eng	89	..	2.1	2.4	17.7
603	370	Yarrow	553	..	20.0b	3.6	12.0
150	86	Young (H)	148	+8	3.9	2.6	14.9

INSURANCE

1985 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross div pence	Yld %	P/E
251	185	Abbey Life	204	..	9.4	4.6	..
28⅛	18⅛	Alex & Alex	£25⅛	..	100	3.9	..
28⅛	19⅛	Am Gen	£28⅛	● ..	90.0	3.2	..
253	190	Bradstock	250	..	7.9	3.2	17.6
837	593	Britannic	829	..	37.9	4.6	..
272	174	Com Union	267	+8	15.9	6.3	..
293	208	Equity & Law	255	..	8.0	3.1	..
350	104	FAI	294	-14	..	..	..
786	503	Gen Accident	756	+5	28.6	3.8	19.0
798	618	GRE	790	+7	37.9	4.8	22.9
723	548	Heath C E	701	+3	31.4	4.5	10.7
321	217	Hogg Robinson	318	●+1	13.4	4.2	15.1
777	545	Legal & Gen	739	-3	32.1	4.3	..
34	19	Lib Life SA Rt	£25	+1	..	..	..
872	642	London & Man	819	+2	31.6	3.9	32.4
336	242	Ldn Utd Inv	330	+2	18.5	5.6	12.7
70	46⅛	Marsh & McLen	£66⅛	..	220	3.3	..
308	161	Minet	288	-1	9.9	3.7	17.7
565	218	PWS	288	..	12.9	4.5	35.3
14	977	Pearl	£12¼	..	56.4	4.4	..
819	493	Prudential	804	-3	34.3	4.3	53.1
435	278	Refuge	403	..	16.8	4.2	..
840	515	Royal	826	+8	34.6	4.2	19.7
413	332	Sedgwick Gp	395	+7	14.6	3.7	17.8
794	255	Stewart Wr'son	399	+2	14.4	3.6	21.8
450	320	Sturge Hldgs	420	●-5	8.6	2.0	26.6
618	391	Sun Alliance	603	+5	22.1	3.7	54.3
904	709	Sun Life	884	+2	30.5	3.5	..
365	220	Trade Indemnity	365	..	12.8	3.5	13.3
469	289	Willis Faber	427	+3	10.4	2.4	29.2

LEISURE

1985 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross div pence	Yld %	P/E
146	86	Barr & WA 'A'	123	+2	10.0	8.1	9.1
188	133	Boosey & Hawkes	143	..	..	..	21.4
150	98	Brent Walker	101	-1	7.9	7.8	8.6
54	22	Campari	59	+1	1.4	2.6	14.2
235	170	Chrysalis	219	..	8.0	3.6	13.6
433	231	First Leisure	413	..	10.7	2.6	15.8
69½	51½	GRA	58	-½	..	..	70.7
75	35	Harrburger Brooks	68	..	..	..	44.4
146	78	Horizon Travel	107	+1	6.3	5.9	20.8
140	93	Int Leisure	128	..	8.9	5.5	8.3
231	86	Juliana's Hldgs	56	..	3.0	3.1	15.0
208	124	Medminster	145	..	7.8	5.2	9.7
340	164	Pleasurama	320	..	8.9	2.6	19.3
84	32	Riley Leisure	60	-2	..	..	5.2
222	147	Saga Holidays	221	-1	6.1	2.8	24.0
304	213½	Samuelson Gp	285	..	3.4	1.2	..
80	52	Tottenham Hotspur	52	..	5.7	11.0	9.4
140	92	Zetters	140	● ..	6.1	4.4	12.0

MINING

1985 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross div pence	Yld %	P/E
22	8⅝	Ang Amer Coal	£10⅝	+½	..	..	..
11⅛	570	Ang Am	973	-2	54.0	5.5	..
79	28½	Am Gold	£52	..	448	8.6	..
47½	25½	AAIT	£44	+½	271	6.2	..
39½	21	Anglovaal	£39	..	142	3.6	..
38½	21	Do 'A'	£38	..	142	3.6	..
295	158	Ayer Hitam	178	+5	47.5	26.7	..
797	255	Blyvoors	385	..	79.0	20.4	..
187	71	Bracken	135	..	28.0	18.3	..
37	12½	Buffels	£17⅛	..	262	15.2	..
392	238	CRA	277	+1	..	..	..
100	52	Carr Boyd	72	+4	..	..	..
584	397	Cons Goldfields	484	+2	35.0	7.5	11.4
450	257	De Beers	428	-1	18.0	4.2	..
280	95	Deelkraal	170	..	4.0	2.4	..
16⅛	5⅝	Doornfontein	£7½	-½	92.0	12.3	..
23⅛	6⅛	Driefontein	£12½	..	126	9.7	..
12½	3⅝	Durban	£5½	..	..	..	..
318	143	E Daggas	240	..	..	..	..
780	275	Elandsrand	485	-18	12.0	2.6	..
180	128	El Oro	143	..	6.0	4.2	12.0
248	80	Elsburg	180	+6	14.0	8.8	..
468	353	E Rand Gold	343	-5	28.0	8.2	..
730	2½	E Rand Prp	£3⅛	-⅛	..	..	..
213	64	Free State Dev	170	..	..	..	..
25	12	FS Geduld	£16⅛	..	162	9.7	..
248	43	Geevor Tin	62	..	17.1	27.6	2.4
11	4⅛	Gencor	£7½	..	60.0	7.9	..
12⅛	4¾	Gen Mining	£8¾	..	87.0	10.0	..
14⅛	5⅛	GFSA	£9⅛	+⅛	46.0	4.9	..
608	349	GM Kalgoorli	393	..	..	..	..
175	53	Gopeng	53	..	20.0	37.7	..
650	230	Grootvlei	313	..	54.0	17.3	..
218	113½	Hampton Areas	123	● ..	5.4	4.4	37.4
13⅛	4¼	Harmony	£8⅛	-⅛	62.8	7.4	..
825	190	Hartles	310	..	17.0	5.5	..
87	40	Johnnies	£75	..	345	4.6	..
18⅛	8⅛	Kinross	£10⅛	..	89.0	8.8	..
8⅛	3⅝	Kloof	£5⅛	■ ..	40.0	7.4	..
276	67	Leslie	140	..	29.0	20.7	..
20⅛	7⅛	Libanon	£12	-⅛	115	9.6	..
423	193	Loraine	328	-10	..	..	..
198	110	MIM	128	..	..	..	..
68	21	Malaysian Mining	24	..	..	..	..
175	70	Marievale	105	-5	17.0	16.2	..
38	16½	Metals Exploration	18½	..	..	..	..
17	7	Mhangura	13	-1	..	..	..
10½	4⅛	Middle Wits	£8⅛	+⅛	..	..	..
792	459	Minorco	690	..	10.0	1.7	..
5⅛	2½	New Wits	£4½	..	23.0	5.1	..
165	89	Nth Broken Hill	127	+1	..	..	..
84½	28½	Nth Kalgurli	42	● ..	..	..	..
375	195	Northgate	220	..	..	..	..
280	108	Pealing Tin	113	..	..	..	..
318	205	Peko Wallsend	263	-2	..	..	..
25⅛	8⅛	Pres Brand	£12⅛	-½	160	12.5	..
27½	10	Pres Steyn	£13⅛	..	207	15.1	..
33⅛	14	Rand Mines Ltd	£20	..	..	..	..
800	275	Rand Mines Prop	435	..	12.0	2.8	11.9
95	16	Randfontein	£82⅛	..	651	6.9	..
308	231	Renison	255	..	..	..	..
667	507	RTZ	557	-5	29.3	5.3	7.8
6⅛	4⅛	Rustenburg	£5⅛	..	28.0	4.0	49.0
28⅛	6½	St Helena	£17	-½	125	13.2	..
279	78	SA Land	143	..	18.0	12.6	..
73⅛	15⅛	Southvaal	£43	-½	118	4.5	..
6⅛	319	Stilfontein	513	+10	..	..	..
280	123	Sungei Besi	123	..	..	..	..
275	100	Tanjong	150	..	..	..	..
14⅛	8	Tara	£9½	..	..	..	10.1
310	108	Tronoh	116	..	..	..	..
865	335	Unisel	475	-5	48.0	9.7	..
87	32⅛	Vaal Reefs	£53⅛	-½	558	10.4	..
844	315	Venterspost	475	-6	64.0	11.4	..
170	55	Vlakfontein	85	-5	15.0	16.8	..
115	50	Vogels	85	● ..	4.3	5.1	11.1
15	10½	Wankie Colliery	10½	..	..	..	..
737	340	Welkom	445	-10	67.0	15.1	..
420	143	Western Areas	245	-3	23.0	9.4	..
38	16⅛	Western Deep	£28⅛	-¼	171	6.4	..
38	13⅛	Western Holdings	£16⅛	-¼	259	15.3	..
248	142	Western Mining	170	+5	3.0	1.8	..
470	140	West Rand Cons	225	+5	12.0	5.3	..
182	104	White Creek	108	+2	..	..	..
31	9⅛	Winkelhaak	£13⅛	-½	175	12.8	..
107	30	Wit Nigel	45	-8	1.1	2.5	..
19	10	Zambia Copper	13½	..	..	..	..
88	32	Zandpan	48	-2	3.7	7.8	..

MOTORS AND AIRCRAFT

1985 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross div pence	Yld %	P/E
164	111	AE	156	●+1	7.1	4.6	10.9
91	38	Appleyard	90	..	4.3	4.8	7.9
95½	32	Armstrong	85	..	1.6	1.7	12.6
205	55	Auto Products	191	-2	2.1n	1.1	19.7
31½	22	BBG	30½	-½	1.5	4.9	13.3
		Blumel Bros					
223	128	Bramall (CD)	223	..	9.9	4.4	11.7
508	293	Br Aerospace	503	+15	20.3	4.0	9.4
128	79	Br Car Auctions	123	-1	4.6	3.7	13.6
71	26	BL	61	+3	..	..	..
176	130	Caffyns	170	..	6.4	3.8	..
98	41	Cowie (T)	96	+4	4.3	4.5	13.4
129	68½	Davis (Godfrey)	127	-1	5.7	4.5	15.2
227	164	Dowty	189	+14	7.5	3.9	14.5
46	32	ERF	38	+1	..	..	8.5
354	242	FR Group	354	..	4.8	1.4	24.3
249	148	Ford Motor	249	● ..	7.0	2.8	..
92	58	Gates (Frank G)	78	..	4.3	5.5	9.5
378	226	General Motor	[illegible]	● ..	25.0	8.8	..
69	43	Glanfield Lawrence	69	..	..	..	12.8
129	69	Group Lotus	128	..	..	..	49.0
91	49	Hartwells	80	-1	3.8	4.2	11.9
549	354	Honda Motor	421	-8	3.6	0.9	..
501	237	Jaguar	468	+13	11.1	2.4	15.0
96	62	Jessups	84	-1	5.7	6.8	8.4
180	97	Kenning Motor	158	● ..	9.3	5.9	24.6
77	28	Kwik-Fit	72	+2	2.8	3.9	21.2
323	159	Lex	307	..	15.1	4.9	8.6
104	63	Lockers	104	..	7.0	6.7	5.4
578	233	Lucas	576	+39	15.7	2.7	11.6
121	66	Perry gp	121	..	6.3	5.2	13.5
84	56	Plaxtons (GB)	84	..	6.4	7.6	11.4
71	39	Quick (HJ)	71	..	3.7	5.2	..
50	29	Supra	50	..	2.9	5.8	14.2
48	21	Woodhead (Jonas)	40	..	0.1	0.3	10.2

NEWSPAPERS AND PUBLISHERS

1985 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross div pence	Yld %	P/E
283	195	Assoc Book	195	-3	7.5	3.8	11.4
10⅛	488	Assoc Newspaper	£10½	● ..	24.3	2.3	14.3
350	233	Black (A&C)	295	..	13.9	4.7	16.4
600	388	Bristol	565	..	32.9	5.8	21.9
455	333	Collins (Wm)	455	..	9.8	2.0	24.9
358	263	Do 'A'	325	..	9.8	3.0	16.7
169	95	Emap 'A'	164	+2	4.7	2.9	24.3
380	200	Haynes Publishing	351	-2	20.0	5.7	18.3
171	83	Home Counties	135	+2	6.7	5.0	5.7
288	130	Independent	288	..	12.8	4.2	..
822	404	Int Thomson	407	+8	14.8	3.4	12.1
10	505	News International	[illegible]	-25	15.1	1.6	..
553	423	Octopus	535	+10	8.2	1.5	30.6
147	118	Portsmouth Sund	126	..	6.7	4.8	12.8
277	220	Trinity Intl	245	+8	17.4	7.1	8.1
330	260	Utd Newspapers	323	+8	22.9	7.1	12.4

OIL

1985 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross div pence	Yld %	P/E
129	91	Ampol	116	-2	..	..	..
52	18	Aran Energy	19	-1	..	..	..
76	19	Atlantic Resources	18	-1	..	..	..
610	470	Br Petroleum	545	-1	45.7	8.4	6.8
32	7	Bristol Oil	10	..	..	..	..
358	295	Br Borneo	323	..	26.4	8.2	12.0
243	173	Britoil	173	-6	18.6	10.8	4.7
320	300	Burmah	301	-1	15.4	5.1	11.3
176	70	Carless Capel	70	-8	3.9	5.6	7.7
91	65	Century	88	+2	5.7	6.5	40.3
57	22	Charterhall	23	..	0.9	3.9	3.3
209	130	Enterprise	133	+1	12.1	9.1	4.5
71	38	Gerber Energy	31	..	..	..	..
355	200	Global N Res	230	..	..	..	..
99	34	Goal Pet	48	..	1.4	3.0	5.6
310	50	Gt Western Res	50	● ..	4.1	8.2	..
361	271	IC Gas	315	..	22.1	7.0	9.3
23½	4½	ICC Oil	4½	+½	..	..	..
54	50	Inoco	51	..	..	..	..
43	19	KCA Drilling	21	-1	4.3	20.5	..
379	145	LASMO	146	-2	17.4	11.9	8.3
320	230	Do Units	250	..	14.4	55.5	..
175	35	New London Oil	38	..	..	..	..
210	111	Petrocon	123	-5	7.9	6.4	6.6
50	28½	Premier	37½	..	..	..	13.8
480	200	Ranger	200	-18	..	..	..
50⅛	40⅛	Royal Dutch	£45	..	226	5.0	..
791	630	Shell	680	-4	48.0	7.1	5.3
175	133	Silkolene	133	..	12.9	9.7	8.9
207	64	Sovereign	64	..	..	..	2.3
33	19	TR Energy	19	..	..	..	16.8
253	120	Tricentrol	125	-5	14.3	11.4	3.4
405	100	Triton Europe	170	-25	..	..	23.2
248	190	Ultramar	206	..	15.0	7.3	4.4

OVERSEAS TRADERS

1985 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross div pence	Yld %	P/E
238	131	Anglo Indonesian	188	..	10.7	5.7	3.9
41	24	Borthwick	40	●-1	0.7	1.8	11.1
162	93	Finlay (James)	92	..	5.9	6.4	4.4
478	325	Harrison Crosfield	353	..	28.6	8.1	10.7
458	290	Inchcape	369	-2	25.9	7.1	18.5
35	25	Jacks (Wm)	31	+½	1.4	4.5	9.7
298	147	Lonrho	258	-7	17.1	6.7	10.0
67	44	Ocean Wilson	57	..	4.2	7.4	7.3
240	128	Paterson Zoch	233	..	8.4	3.6	7.6
240	128	Do 'A'	233	..	8.4	3.6	7.8
289	131	Polly Peck	156	+2	7.5	4.8	3.0
83	40	Sime Darby	44	..	..	..	..
585	465	Steel Bros	590	..	22.9	3.9	9.6
66	25	Tozer Kemsley	36	+3	..	..	31.5
251	158	Yule Catto	166	..	8.9	5.3	7.3

PAPER, PRINTING, ADVERT'G

1985 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross div pence	Yld %	P/E
110	43	Addcom Int	55	-2	1.2	2.2	20.1
225	173	Assoc Paper	238	..	8.6	3.6	14.3
50	33	Ault & Wiborg	37	..	..	..	8.9
178	125	Benrose	145	..	1.8	1.2	6.3
412½	224	Bosse Massimi	394	..	5.4	1.8	27.1
229	158	BPCC	218	-2	17.1b	7.8	8.2
172	130	Brunning	148	..	7.0	4.7	37.1
162	163	Do R/V	147	..	7.0	4.8	38.8
533	406	Burzl	525	+2	14.3	2.7	17.1
820	461	Carlton Comm	880	●+50	8.6	1.1	28.3
291	178	Chapman	178	..	12.0	6.7	8.2
208	113	Cropper (James)	188	+2	3.6	1.9	10.4
240	148	DRG	238	+6	17.8	5.0	11.2
166	145	Davidson Pearce	158	..	3.6	2.3	17.0
580	370	Eucalyptus Pulp	370	..	10.0	2.7	2.7
228	126	Ferguson Ind	224	..	10.6	4.7	15.5
465	350	Fitch Design	375	..	8.0	2.1	28.1
175	53	Geers Gross	72	+2	4.3	6.0	7.2
263	110	Good Relations	135	-3	7.7	5.7	13.6
272	183	Hunterprint	198	..	6.7	3.4	7.3
348	215	Lowe H-S C-E	348	+2	8.6	2.5	23.0
191½	133	McCorquodale	168	..	8.1	4.8	16.7
105	85	More O'Ferrall	103	..	4.9	4.8	18.2
156	100	Norton Opax	148	..	4.3	2.9	18.4
39⅛	27⅛	Ogilvy & Mather	£33⅛	-2	..	..	..
45	27	Olives Paper	31	..	..	..	29.2
650	458	St Ives Gp	600	-10	12.9	2.0	27.1
843	615	Saatchi & Saatchi	835	..	20.0	2.4	18.6
133½	103	Do 6.3% Cnv Prf	133½	..	9.0	6.7	..
146	72½	Smurfit (Jeff)	144	..	4.7	3.3	..
215	195	Usher Walker	205	..	9.7	4.7	11.1
52	29	Wace	49	+1	..	..	11.3
630	455	Waddington (J)	605	..	35.7	5.9	11.9
258	223	Watmough	278	..	8.8b	3.2	13.2

PROPERTY

1985 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross div pence	Yld %	P/E
34	11	Abaco	33	..	0.2	0.8	51.6
80	66	Allied Lon	73	..	2.0	2.7	17.3
123	70	Apex	73	● ..	2.9	4.0	15.3
178	70	Barstow Eves	174	-1	2.7n	1.6	28.3
514	361	Beazer (CH)	512	..	17.1	3.3	12.3
150	80	Belgrave	121	+1	6.0	5.0	8.3
240	212	Bilton (P)	240	+2	15.1	6.3	15.3
470	380	Bradford	450	..	13.9	3.0	19.4
173	131	Br Land	169	+1	3.9	2.3	17.2
156	122	Brixton	152	..	7.6	5.0	23.3
45	28	Card (A) &Sons	42	..	..	..	..
228	185	Cap & Counties	218	..	8.6	3.9	24.8
225	145	Cardiff Prop	205	● ..	2.6	1.3	..
240	173	Centrovincial	178	+3	8.6	4.8	15.8
480	400	Chesterfield	480	..	15.7	3.4	25.1
853	503½	CALA	780	..	25.7h	3.3	11.5
166	136	Clarke Nickolls	153	..	9.01	5.9	35.7
218	85	Connells	213	+3	5.0	2.3	26.6
43	17	Control Secs	17½	+½	4.5	25.7	3.3
116	97	Country & New	109	..	2.3	2.1	71.7
142	88	County 'B'	142	..	5.0	3.5	4.8
235	173	Cusins	175	..	8.6	4.9	19.5
580	303	Daejan	560	●+15	18.6	3.3	11.8
250	208	Dares Dev	230	-5	..	..	..
21	6	Dares	7	..	..	..	2.6
188	145	Estates & Agency	160	..	4.3	2.7	71.7
121	89	Estates Gen	114	..	3.4	3.0	32.9
159	140	Estates Prop	145	● ..	12.1	8.3	12.7
92	69	Evans Of Leeds	87	..	5.0	5.7	10.8
68	26	Five Oaks	65	-1	..	..	9.2
195	150	Frogmore	188	-7	9.9	5.3	11.8
180	140	Gt Portland	178	..	10.0	5.7	25.9
248	184	Greycoat	238	-4	2.8	1.2	46.9
137	78	Hallwood Gp	106	..	..	..	..
520	430	Hammerson	480	-10	12.1	2.5	33.9
515	415	Do 'A'	470	-10	12.1	2.6	33.2
173	93	Hanover	153	..	4.5	2.8	27.6
260	196	Hardanger	245	..	14.0	5.7	9.3
623	444	Haslemere	620	-2	14.0	2.3	39.9
325	255	Ivory	290	..	7.7	2.7	33.9
180	85	Jermyn	150	..	2.3	1.4	91.4
315	262	Laing Prop	305	-1	9.6	3.1	16.4
64	35½	Land Investors	61	-1½	1.7	2.8	34.7
325	255	Land Securities	320	+4	12.1	3.8	27.7
555	188	Lon & Edin Tst	555	+25	9.6	1.7	25.5
180	102½	Do 6⅛%	130	+5	9.3	6.2	..
326	218	Lon & Prov Shop	243	..	6.6	2.7	21.4
171	118	Lon Shop Prop	185	-1	7.6n	4.0	19.9
325	230	Lynton	239	..	8.6	2.9	36.8
342	255	MEPC	338	+1	15.0	4.4	21.6
101	56	McInerney	100	..	..	..	..
130	105	McKay Secs	110	●-3	4.9b	4.5	19.0
107	35	Markheath	55	●-3	3.1h	5.6	24.9
128	125	Marvale Moore	125	..	3.6	2.9	12.4
79	60	Marlborough	65	..	0.8b	1.2	33.3
198	120	Marler Est	198	+3	4.3n	2.2	19.8
615	238	Mountleigh	615	+30	9.3	1.5	19.3
445	288	Mountview	430	● ..	6.4	1.5	8.9
97	76	Mucklow (A&J)	90	..	7.2	8.0	13.8
34	12	Municipal	£20	..	15.7	0.8	50.2
82	70½	New Cavendish	75	..	1.7	2.3	33.0
51	28	Parkdale	45	●-1	2.1b	4.7	22.7
280	230	Peachey	275	+2	17.4	4.1	36.6
188	178	Prop & Rev	188	-2	6.2	3.3	31.5
132	107	Prop Hldgs	123	..	3.8	3.1	30.2
125	98	Prop Security	118	●-1	3.6b	3.1	25.8
10	7	Regian	9	..	0.1	1.1	..
445	65	Regalian	375	+5	5.2	1.4	28.5
465	190	Rosehaugh	465	+5	1.1	0.2	..
297	210	Rush & Tompkins	285	..	11.2	3.9	12.5
166	142	Samuel	170	..	8.4	4.9	28.6
92	78	Scot Met	83	-2	5.7	6.9	19.0
166	125	Slough Estates	184	+1	7.4	4.5	18.5
325	175	Speyhawk	295	..	13.6	4.6	15.4
164	144	Stand Secs	164	● ..	5.8	3.5	18.6
570	405	Stock Conversion	565	+5	12.1	2.1	28.2
80	54	Stockley	74	+1	..	..	..
50	38	Town Centre	48	..	1.4	2.9	28.6
240	186	Trafford Park	203	..	16.4	8.1	13.5
605	480	Utd Real	560	..	17.1	3.1	22.9
745	525	Warner	725	● ..	25.7	3.5	41.9
510	410	Warnford	475	..	21.4	4.5	45.5
26½	17	Webb (Jos)	22	● ..	0.7	3.2	71.0
163	140	West & Country	155	..	11.4	7.4	8.8

SHIPPING

1985 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross div pence	Yld %	P/E
444	181	Assoc Br Ports	444	+6	12.5	2.8	..
355	225	Br Commonwealth	325	+2	8.3	1.9	25.2
328	208	Caledonia	313	+2	6.1	1.9	69.6
121	70	Fisher (James)	80	..	4.7	5.9	7.4
650	520	Graig	578	..	17.9	3.1	27.7
64½	32	Jacobs (JI)	60	+1	5.0b	8.3	28.2
22	6½	Lyle	11	..	..	..	0.1
42	17	Mersey Docks	36	..	..	..	1.5
201	128	Ocean Transport	186	-4	8.4	4.5	13.8
471	338	P & O Dfd	456	+5	20.0	4.3	14.3
110	75	Runciman (Walter)	104	..	7.1	6.8	20.9
430	285	Turnbull Scott	375	..	12.9	3.4	30.9

SHOES AND LEATHER

1985 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross div pence	Yld %	P/E
325	198	FII	325	..	8.9	2.7	12.7
238	163	Garner Booth	186	..	13.1	7.0	5.6
43	31	Headlam Sims	35	..	3.1n	8.9	8.0
223	133	Lambert Howarth	173	+5	7.2	4.2	9.0
98	60	Newbold & Burton	76	+2	4.4	5.8	..
94	48½	Pittard	84	..	5.8	6.9	8.1
182	116	Strong & Fisher	122	..	10.7	8.8	4.9
208	143	Stylo	175	+2	6.4	3.7	21.8

TEXTILES

1985 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross div pence	Yld %	P/E
527	280	Allied Text	453	..	18.6	4.1	11.5
200	104	Atkins Bros	173	..	8.1	4.7	44.8
112	71	Beale (John)	105	● ..	5.9n	5.6	4.5
102	64	Beckman (A)	90	..	8.2	9.1	10.8
158	107½	Br Mohair	127	..	8.5	6.8	6.9
85	60	Bulmer & Lumb	67	..	7.1	10.6	16.8
250	129	Coats Patons	247	-1	8.2	3.3	10.3
73½	32½	Corah	56½	-½	5.7	10.1	7.8
230	121	Courtaulds	225	+1	7.6	3.4	9.5
111	37	Crowther (J)	107	-1	2.1h	2.0	28.7
228	151	Dawson	210	..	8.9h	4.2	13.4
75½	30	Dobron	47	-3	..	..	23.4
305	118	Dixon (D)	235	..	8.3	3.2	8.9
150	70	Don Bros Buist	150	+6	4.3	2.9	7.4
188	30	Dura Mill	30	..	5.7	19.0	4.1
84	47	Foster (John)	76	+2	5.0	6.6	6.6
108	84	Gaskell Broadloom	96	..	7.9	8.1	6.7
68	33	Hicking Pentecost	33	..	..	..	32.4
150	85	Ingram (Harold)	103	..	3.9	3.8	13.3
75	50	Jerome (S)	67	..	4.5	6.7	8.8
165	101	Leeds	138	..	7.4	5.4	8.9
74	45½	Lister	70	..	0.4	0.6	21.9
85	67	Lyles (S)	82	..	7.9	9.6	17.1
94	67	Mackay (Hugh)	77	..	6.6	8.6	15.5
29½	7	Munton	14½	..	..	..	4.9
128	86	Parkland 'A'	119	..	6.9	5.9	5.7
39	24½	Readicut	37	..	2.3	6.2	9.8
174	130	SEET	132	● ..	7.3b	5.5	5.3
48	26	Shaw Carpets	28	..	3.8n	12.4	16.1
151	108	Sirdar	159	..	5.9	3.7	12.8
57	35	Smallshaw (R)	55	..	3.5	6.4	8.4
77	37½	Stroud Riley	69	● ..	3.6	5.2	12.1
143	65	Textured Jersey	134	●-1	7.9	5.9	9.6
124	90	Tomkinsons	123	+2	4.3	3.5	9.8
87½	55	Toothal	84	+1	5.7h	6.8	9.0
250	130	Yorklyde	250	..	9.3	3.7	11.4

TOBACCOS

1985 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross div pence	Yld %	P/E
365	255	BAT	368	+18	15.7	4.3	7.7
323	182	Imperial	314	-6	13.7	4.4	14.0
205	111	Rothmans 'B'	166	+9	8.1	5.5	5.7

● ex dividend a Ex all b Forecast dividend e Corrected price e Interim payment passed f Price at suspension g Dividend and yield exclude a special payment h Bid for company k Pre-merger figures n Forecast earnings p Ex-capital distribution r Ex rights s Ex scrip or share split t Tax-free y Price adjusted for late dealings. . . No significant data.

BRITISH FUNDS

1985 High	Low	Stock	Price	Ch'ge	Int. only yld%	Gross Red. yld%
SHORTS (Under Five Years)						
99¾	52	Treas C10% 1986	99½	..	10.0	..
98	92	Treas 3% 1986	97⅞	..	3.1	..
100	93⅞	Exch 10½% 1986	99⅛	..	10.8	..
101⅛	94⅛	Treas 12% 1986	99⅞	..	12.0	..
98¾	92¼	Treas 8% 1984-86	98⅞	..	8.6	..
96	87½	Exch 2½% 1986	95¾	..	2.6	..
105¼	96	Exch 14% 1986	101⅛	+⅛	13.8	..
104⅞	95⅛	Exch 13½% 1987	101	+⅛	13.1	..
99¾	92⅛	Treas C10¼% 1987	98½	+¼	10.4	..
94¼	84⅛	Exch 2½% 1987	94¼	●+¼	2.7	..
100⅛	94½	Exch 10½% 1987	98½	+¼	10.7	..
95¼	88	Fund 6½% 1985-87	95⅛	+¼	6.8	..
99⅛	92¼	Treas 10% 1987	98	+¼	10.2	..
92⅞	83¾	Treas 3% 1987	92⅞	+¼	3.2	..
102¾	94	Treas 12% 1987	100½	+¼	11.9	..
95	89⅛	Treas 7¾% 1985-88	94½	+⅛	8.2	..
100	91⅛	Exch 10½% 1988	98⅞	+⅜	10.7	..
98⅛	90¼	Treas C9¾% 1988	96⅛	+¼	10.1	..
87⅛	79½	Treas 3% 1978-88	87⅛	+⅛	3.4	..
97⅞	88⅞	Treas 9½% 1988	95¾	+⅜	9.9	..
102⅞	93⅛	Treas 11½% 1989	100½	●+⅜	11.4	..
99¼	90¼	Treas 10½% 1989	98⅛	+⅜	10.7	..
98⅞	90½	Exch 10% 1989	96⅞	+½	10.3	..
98⅛	94⅛	Exch 10¼% 1989	98⅛	+¼	10.4	..
77⅛	76⅛	Exch 2½% 1990	77	..	3.2	..
101⅞	90¼	Exch 11% 1989	99¼	+½	11.1	..
86⅞	79	Treas 5% 1986-89	85½	..	5.8	..
101⅞	94⅛	Exch 11% 1990	99⅞	+½	11.0	..
97⅛	88	Treas C9¼% 1989	95⅛	+¼	10.0	..
84¼	79	Treas 3% 1989	83⅛	+¼	3.6	..
108⅞	100	Treas 13% 1990	105¼	+½	12.3	..
108⅛	99⅛	Exch 12½% 1990	104⅞	+⅝	12.0	..
81¼	75¾	Treas 3% 1990	80¼	+⅛	3.7	..
93⅛	86⅞	Treas 8¼% 1987-90	91⅛	+½	9.1	..
101	91⅛	Treas 10% 1990	95¾	+⅝	10.4	..
FIVE TO FIFTEEN YEARS						
108½	98⅛	Treas 11¾% 1991	102¼	+⅝	11.5	..
87¾	79	Fund 5¾% 1987-91	85¾	..	6.7	..
105¼	95⅜	Exch 11% 1991	99½	+½	11.1	..
113⅞	100	Treas 12¾% 1992	107⅞	+½	11.9	..
100⅛	87½	Treas 10% 1992	96	●+½	10.4	..
104⅛	94	Treas C10¼% 1992	97¾	+½	10.7	..
111	98⅞	Exch 12¼% 1992	105¼	●+½	11.6	..
117⅞	102½	Exch 13½% 1992	110¼	●+⅝	12.2	..
95½	84¾	Treas 10% 1993	95½	+½	10.5	..
113⅛	99½	Treas 12½% 1993	107¼	+⅝	11.7	..
83⅞	74⅝	Fund 6% 1993	81½	●+¼	7.4	..
121⅝	108¼	Treas 13¾% 1993	113½	+⅝	12.1	..
125¾	105⅞	Treas 14½% 1994	118⅞	●+⅝	12.2	..
119⅝	107¼	Exch 12½% 1994	112⅞	+⅝	12.0	..
113½	97⅞	Exch 13½% 1994	108	●+⅝	11.6	..
95⅝	83⅝	Treas 9% 1994	90½	+⅝	10.0	..
111	97⅛	Treas 12% 1995	105½	+½	11.4	..
71½	61⅞	Gas 3% 1990-95	70½	+½	4.3	..
101	88½	Exch 10¼% 1995	96⅛	+½	10.7	..
118⅝	104⅛	Treas 12¾% 1995	110⅝	+⅝	11.6	..
124	109	Treas 14% 1996	117⅜	+⅝	11.9	..
94⅝	84⅛	Treas 9% 1992-96	90⅝	●+⅛	10.0	..
134⅛	120⅛	Treas 15¼% 1996	125⅛	+⅝	12.1	..
122½	108⅛	Exch 13¼% 1996	114¼	+½	11.5	..
121⅛	106⅛	Treas 13¼% 1997	115⅛	+½	11.5	..
102	89⅝	Exch 10½% 1997	98½	●+½	10.7	..
91¾	79⅛	Treas 8¾% 1997	88⅝	●+½	9.9	..
132⅛	119⅛	Exch 15% 1997	125½	+⅝	12.0	..
79⅝	69⅛	Treas 6¾% 1995-98	76½	+½	8.8	..
98¼	86	Exch 9½% 1998	94¼	+½	10.3	..
137⅛	122⅝	Treas 15½% 1998	130½	+⅝	11.9	..
115⅛	102	Exch 12% 1998	108⅝	+½	11.0	..
97½	85⅛	Treas 9½% 1999	93⅛	+½	10.1	..
116⅛	103⅛	Exch 12¼% 1999	110⅛	●+⅝	11.0	..
105⅛	93⅛	Treas 10½% 1999	99⅛	+⅝	10.5	..
103⅛	91⅛	Conv 10¼% 1999	98	+⅝	10.5	..
122½	108⅛	Treas 13% 2000	117⅛	+⅛	11.1	..
OVER FIFTEEN YEARS						
98⅛	91⅛	Treas 10% 2001	97⅛	●+⅛	10.2	..
98⅛	88⅛	Conv 9¾% 2001	95⅛	+⅛	10.2	..
128⅛	114⅛	Treas 14% 1998-01	121	+⅛	11.6	..
101⅛	92⅛	Conv 10% 2002	97⅛	+⅛	10.2	..
114⅛	100⅛	Exch 12% 1999-02	108⅛	+⅛	11.0	..
98⅛	90	Treas 9¾% 2002	96	●+⅛	10.2	..
98⅛	83⅛	Treas 10% 2003	98⅛	+⅛	10.2	..
127⅛	112⅛	Treas 13¾% 2000-03	122⅛	+⅛	11.2	..
113⅛	101⅛	Treas 11½% 2001-04	108⅛	●+⅛	10.8	..
101⅛	94⅛	Treas 10% 2004	98	+⅛	10.2	..
53⅛	46	Fund 3½% 1999-04	51⅛	+⅛	6.8	..
97⅛	87⅛	Conv 9½% 2004	94⅛	+⅛	10.1	..
95⅛	90⅛	Conv 9½% 2005	94⅛	+⅛	10.1	..
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115½	102	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	111⅛	+⅛	10.8	..
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41¾	36⅛	Consols 4%	39⅛	+½	10.1	..
37½	33⅛	War Ln 3½%	35½	+⅛	9.9	..
46½	41	Conv 3½%	46⅛	+⅛	7.5	..
31⅛	28⅛	Treas 3%	30⅛	+⅛	9.9	..
25⅛	23⅛	Consols 2½%	25⅛	+⅛	9.9	..
26⅛	23½	Treas 2½%	25⅛	+⅛	10.0	..
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103⅛	95⅛	Treas IL2½% 2001	97⅛	●+⅛	3.1	..
103⅛	93½	Treas IL2½% 2003	96⅛	+⅛	3.1	..
106⅛	96½	Treas IL 2% 2006	99⅛	+⅛	2.8	..
103⅛	92⅛	Treas IL2½% 2009	95⅛	+⅛	3.2	..
108⅛	97	Treas IL2½% 2011	100⅛	●+⅛	3.2	..
91⅛	79⅛	Treas IL2½% 2013	83⅛	●+⅛	3.2	..
93⅛	87⅛	Treas IL2½% 2016	90⅛	+⅛	3.2	..
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86	46	Ansbacher (Henry)	67	-1	..	..	40.4
321	194½	Aust New Z	231	-2	15.0	6.5	..
18½	8⅛	Bancamerica	£9⅛	..	..	..	..
405	225	Bank Of Ireland	405	+3	17.0	4.2	..
15½	8½	Bank Leumi Israel	£8½	..	..	..	..
290	215	Bank Leumi UK	240	● ..	16.0	6.7	11.2
444	351½	Bank Of Scotland	372	..	18.0h	4.8	9.0
479	332	Barclays	469	+2	24.0	5.1	8.8
445	380	Brown Shipley	435	+5	13.2	3.0	19.8
548	423	Cater Allen	488	..	41.3	8.8	11.4
41	23½	Cattles	38	..	2.3	6.1	12.9
27⅛	17⅛	Chase Manhattan	£27⅛	■ ..	384	13.3	..
42⅛	27⅛	Citicorp	£39⅛	..	206	5.7	..
72	32	Clive	39	-1	1.3	3.3	7.1
61	27	Com Bank Wales	39	● ..	3.4	5.9	9.1
107½	42⅛	Commerzbank	£88½	..	6.0	0.1	..
264	104½	Deutsche Bank	£230	+4	200	5.2	..
179	74½	First Nat Finance	165	●+3	4.0	2.4	10.0
372	249	Gerrard Nat	279	+2	18.9	6.8	16.2
82	55	Guinness Peat	78	● ..	2.7	3.5	12.5
249	131	Hambros	240	-1	9.6	4.0	20.1
31	12½	Do (50p)	£30½	-½	96.7	3.1	25.5
376	273	Hill Samuel	375	+1	17.0	4.5	9.8
99	61½	HKJ Shanghai	71½	-1	..	..	..
383	233	Joseph (Leopold)	383	..	17.4	4.5	19.9
188	138	King & Shaxson	140	..	11.8	8.4	16.8
655	375	Kleinwort Benson	655	+5	21.4b	3.3	12.1
514	346	Lloyds	479	..	28.9	6.0	7.3
42	22	Manson	34	..	2.1	6.2	13.0
788	388	Mercury Secs	788	+35	22.9	2.9	12.3
504	322	Midland	467	+3	36.4	7.8	7.7
270	175	Nat Aust Bk	228	..	..	..	..
724	567	Nat West	677	+3	37.6	5.6	5.7
100	88½	Ottoman	£100	..	550	5.5	21.5
338	193	Provident	338	..	15.7	4.6	14.2
80	58	Rea Bros	73	..	1.8	2.5	21.7
118	92	Rothschild (J) Hld	114	..	6.5	5.7	13.6
21⅛	14⅛	Royl Bnk Of Can	£14⅛	-½	..	..	..
284	216	Royl Bnk Of Scot	284	+2	13.7	4.8	8.2
12⅛	728	Schroders	£11½	..	26.4	2.2	16.9
70	33	Smith St Aubyn	37	..	1.0	2.7	3.4

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Banks' retreat from US could be ill-timed

By Richard Thomson, Banking Correspondent

The British banks' much vaunted policy of moving into the US, one of the big new initiatives of the late 1970s, appeared to shift smartly into reverse last week. Midland Bank astonished the markets with the news that it was ditching Crocker National, the ill-fated Californian bank, and was closely followed by Lloyds divesting itself of its US subsidiary.

But it is hard to avoid the impression that this headlong retreat is taking place precisely at a time when most analysts agree that the Californian banking environment, for some time a disaster area, has hit rock bottom and can only improve.

That impression is reinforced by US bank analysts who say that at $1 billion(£704.7 million), Crocker was a steal for Wells Fargo.

Certainly, Wells Fargo is following a policy of withdrawing into its home markets, concentrating on its Californian retail network in which context Crocker is undeniably a valuable addition. The attraction of Crocker was also that Midland had already done the essential work of cleaning up the bank's loan book, taking over $1 billion of international debt on to its own books. And after its recent poor performance Crocker has valuable tax losses.

But while the Crocker sale looks like an opportunistic move to pull back from an expensive mistake, the sale of Lloyds Bank California has the marks of a more considered decision.

Midland is getting only the net asset value of Crocker while Lloyds is receiving over one and a half times net asset value for its bank. Moreover, although Lloyds Bank California did not produce big returns it was not the colossal lossmaker that Crocker became for Midland.

Lloyds now looks firmly set on a strategy of withdrawal in its international banking operation, abandoning thoughts of a wide branch network to concentrate on a more centralized wholesale and merchant banking operation. Comparisons with Morgan Guarantee or Bankers Trust spring to mind.

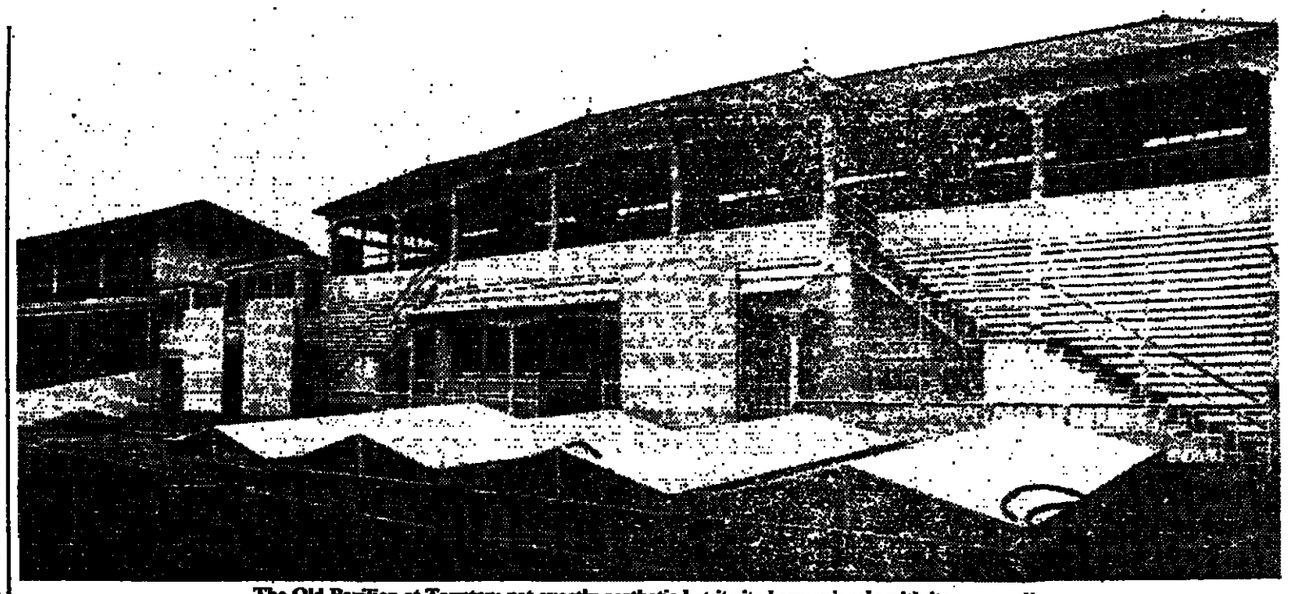
That leaves Barclays and National Westminster. It may not be long before Barclays Bank California is divested. It is a tiny operation by Barclays standards, with net earnings of barely $5 million a year. Barclays has shown little interest in developing the California offshoot

NatWest, on the other hand, insists that its East Coast retail bank, NatWest USA, will be the base for further building. After a somewhat inauspicious start the bank turned in net earnings of $40 million in 1984 and $54 million last year.

The experience of Midland and Lloyds in the US suggests that British bankers have had trouble in judging the US retail market, but even more in judging the quality of the institutions and managements they were buying.

But it is striking that Standard Chartered and Hong Kong & Shanghai Bank, both foreign to the US, have made such a success there. Standard Chartered, indeed, is getting even more deeply involved in US retail banking with the purchase of United Bank of Arizona to add to Union Bank.

Standard Chartered's secret may simply be that as a diversified international bank it is more experienced in making decisions about foreign markets than, say, Midland. It is also cannily using Union to buy United



The Old Pavilion at Taunton: not exactly aesthetic but it sits harmoniously with its surroundings

Ramshackle building full of memories

And thou what needest with thy tribe's black tents
Who hast the red pavilion of my heart?

Francis Thompson

The Taunton cricket ground acquired a swish new red pavilion-grandstand a few years ago. Its internal appointments are noble, and though I find it externally unattractive, I am learning to keep my opinion quiet, because most local people are proud of it, especially now it is nearly paid for.

However, there remains, on the other side of the ground, another stand, a wooden building of black and white, now commonly known as The Old Pavilion. The problem has recently arisen, prompted partly by the exigencies of fire regulations, "What to do with it? Knock it down, and replace it? Just knock it down? Or rebuild it to the extent required by the fire authority?"

This has caused much imbibing of pints and expulsion (indeed at moments of stress you might also call it exbibing) of breath among the cricket fraternity, at least in the pubs I frequent, The Ring o' Bells, close to the county ground, and The Westgate, where the landlord is Roy Marshall, formerly of West Indies and Hampshire, now a Somerset committee member.

The Old Pavilion is a decent-looking, ramshackle building, which has stood since about the beginning of the century, shortly after Somerset became a first-class cricketing county. It is not, strictly, an aesthetic delight, but sits harmoniously with its surroundings. Taunton has grown in size, but still has much of the atmosphere of a country farming town, where you do not feel the pastoral is far away. Internally, the "O.P." was never well equipped. The dressing-room of the visiting side was in a basement. There was a red-headed Glamorgan fast bowler, a genial lad called J.B. Evans, who on first approaching it, waved his team-mates back: "Steady, boyos", he said, "better put a canary down first."

The players now have more comfortable accommodation across the ground, and I should be sorry to see the "O.P." go. It has too many memories - I do not speak only of my own memories, which go back no further than Gimblett and Wellard - but memories handed down to us by the Somerset pioneers: Woods, Hewett, the Palairets, Braund, Daniell, White, Robertson-Glasgow. If the demolition men moved in, the ghosts of such would forestall them by walking through the walls.

Cricket is all the better for a little hunting. Cricket grounds are foolish to let their oldest things depart. Yes, even Lord's has not been the same for me since the Tavern corner was destroyed by the new stand; and now that the Mound is to be redeveloped as well, it will soon be no more than just another county ground, and not a very good one either, with its slope and its ridge.

I can report from Taunton that the committee have not yet been afflicted by the doomward rush. They intend to raise enough money - about £30,000 - to meet the fire requirement, and to preserve the outward structure. Whether this can be done, with all the financial complications, is not quite certain, but it will be a more feasible project than the elaborate plan for a reconstruction ab initio, favoured by several senior members, among them my old and usually wise friend, Rex Frost.

Rex was the county treasurer for some time, and the founder of the Supporters' Club, but his debenture scheme is really too ambitious. Somerset's fortunes have been much brighter in recent years than seemed possible throughout most of their history, but they have still never won the championship, indeed last year they rather comically finished bottom, after a number of good judges (well, I and the Sage of Longparish) had made optimistic prophecies.

The upper tier of the stand, under the new plan, will provide seats for 180 vice-presidents, while below the bar and buffet will be put together again. I am not sure, however, that all vice-presidents, not as a class of men renowned for their agility, will like being transplanted to such a height and distance from the Stragglers' Bar.

As all readers who know the Taunton ground will immediately recognize, the fate of "The Stragglers", that single-floor, tatty, beloved little building, is of much importance. It has had many different official names, but it began life as the property of the Somerset Stragglers CC, and you can always tell a Taunton habitué in the morning on the nod, "Stragglers at one o'clock then."

The Stragglers is not a fire hazard. It has been judged that if fire should strike, even the most convivial straggler should be able to take the few steps necessary to escape the holocaust, even if he is lying on the floor and holding on. Besides, as Rex Frost explained, there is no point in wasting money knocking it down, when it will collapse of its own accord any season now.

So for a while yet Sam, the barman there, and I will be able to hold our secretive, heretical Yorkshire conferences there, and if we are in the middle of one, talking of Boycott, when the roof descends upon us, it will be felt, especially among vice-presidents, that we will have got no more than Yorkshiremen deserve.

Alan Gibson

APPOINTMENTS

Coutts names its new MD



Mrs Judith Symonds

Coutts & Co: Mr Julian Robarts will succeed Mr David Money-Coutts as managing director from March 1. Mr Money-Coutts will continue as chairman. Mr Kevin Garvey is now head of financial control and the business development division. He has also been made an associate director.

The Post Office: Mr Bill Cockburn will become managing director of letters and Mr Tony Garrett managing director parcels from April.

Shandwick: Mr Paul Thomas has been made a director.

Trion: Mr Paul Minter is now sales director.

Tilbury: Mr M C Bottjer has been made assistant managing director.

Lumley Insurance Consultants: Mr Henry Lumley has become chairman; Mr Tony Ball, deputy chairman; Mr Brian Harris, managing director; Mr Peter Lumley, a director; and Mr Peter Robinson, company secretary and a director.

Tie Rack: Mr Ron Delnevo is now business development director.

Multi Construction (UK): Mr Norman Fisher has been made chairman and chief executive.

Director Publications: Mr Mike Bokaie is now publishing director. Mr Peter Middup joins the company as advertisement manager.

Aitken Hume International: Mr S A (Tony) Constance is the new group chief executive.

Bradstock Blanch: Mr Paul Walker has joined as financial director.

Premier Computers: Mr John Lindeck has been made finance director.

Wakefield Storage Handling: Mr Bert Willow has become production director.

Barlow Lyde & Gilbert: Mr Stuart Hall and Mr Kennan Michel have become partners.

Mappin & Webb: Mr Robert May has been made deputy managing director.

Drexel Burnham Lambert: Mrs Judith Symonds has become vice president, corporate communications, Europe.

English China Clays: Mr D H L Hopkinson and Dr S R Dennison have been made deputy chairmen.

Appletree: Mr John Baines joins the main board.

COMPANY NEWS

● **CENTRAL AND SHEERWOOD:** An agreement, conditional on shareholders' approval, has been signed for the sale of the company's interest in its subsidiaries White-Young and Partners, White Young, White Young Consulting Engineers, White-Young Petrochemicals (77 per cent owned), Prentice Royle and White-Young Southern Africa (registered in Botswana) for £451,500 cash. The purchaser is the White Young Consulting Group, a new holding company in which the management and certain other employees of White-Young and Partners and the disposal companies together hold 84.3 per cent of the issued ordinary capital.

● **Consolidated Gold Fields:** The agreement in principle announced on Dec. 17, 1985, between the company and Ryan International to enter into a joint venture, Ryan Consolidated, has been signed. The new company will reclaim coal and other saleable material from coal waste dumps in Britain.

● **ZAPATA CORP:** The dividend due on February 14 will not be paid.

● **WINTERBOTTOM ENERGY TRUST:** The net asset value per ordinary share at the close of business on Feb. 14, 1986, was 112p after the deduction of prior charges at par and 114.1p after the deduction of prior charges at market value.

● **J. WILLIAMS CARDIFF:** Shareholders are strongly advised to reject the offers from the Wyndham Group, which are described by Williams' chairman, Mr David Williams, as opportunistic, wholly inadequate and without commercial logic. He forecasts that the profit on ordinary activities before tax for the year to Sept. 30, 1986, will be not less than £250,000 (£25,071). The directors will be considering a scheme of reconstruction with a view to enabling dividend payments to be resumed as quickly as possible.

● **DEBORAH SERVICES:** Interim dividend 1.21p (same), payable March 18. Turnover £15.3 million (£15.2 million) for the half-year to Sept. 30 last. Pretax profit £375,000 (£301,000). The chairman, Mr Arthur Britton, reports that the mainstream activities, scaffolding, powered access and insulation divisions, continued to perform satisfactorily and the painting division is now profitable. He is confident of a reasonable second half. The company's shares are traded on the over-the-counter market.

● **SCOTTISH EASTERN INVESTMENT TRUST:** A final of 1.15p, making 2p (1.875p adjusted) is being paid on May 5 for the year to Jan. 31, 1986. Pretax profit £6.45 million (£6.2 million). Earnings per share 1.99p (1.9p).

● **TEMPLE BAR INVESTMENT TRUST:** A final dividend of 3.3p, making 5.3p (4.65p) is being paid for 1985. Group profit before tax £4.75 million (£4.1 million). Earnings per share 5.59p (4.91p).

● **APPLETREE:** The company and Fenmarc, a co-operative, have agreed to form a joint marketing company for the handling of the produce grown by Fenmarc for supermarkets. This agreement is designed to strengthen both companies' penetration of this market. Fenmarc has about 60 growers who between them farm some 40,000 acres in England.

● **ALFRED WALKER:** For the half-year to Oct. 31, 1985, turnover was £287,000 (£470,000). Loss for the period £198,000 (profit £1,000). No tax (nil). Loss per share 6.5p (0.1 earnings).

● **IMPALA PLATINUM HOLDINGS:** Interim dividend 35 cents (same), payable on April 11. figs in r000 Consolidated profit R165.93 million (about £56 million), against R91.18 million for the six months to Dec. 31 last, before tax and lease considerations R64.11 million (R40.99 million). Earnings per share 177 cents (87 cents). The board reports that the 103 per cent increase in attributable profit reflects both the higher revenue and the absence of forward metal purchases as well as the foreign exchange losses which affected the previous period. Remanning has been successfully completed and it has proved possible to re-engage a substantial proportion of those former employees who were coerced into striking against their will. The impact of the disruption is difficult to quantify but the best estimate is a loss of attributable earnings totalling R45 million and is unlikely that the results for the full year will be significantly better than for the previous financial year.

● **SIGMEX INTERNATIONAL:** Six months to Dec 31. 1985. No interim, but in accordance with the prospectus, the directors intend to recommend not less than 0.53p per share in November. Figs in :000. Turnover £5.54 million (£3.92 million). Profit before tax £333,000 (£42,000).

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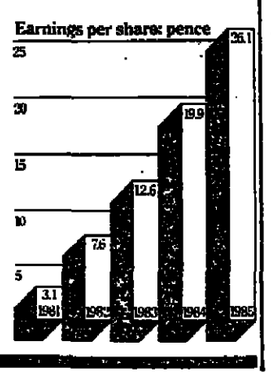
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SEEING THE UNSEEN

GOLF

Why charity must begin at home

From John Ballantine, Honolulu

Some of Mac O'Grady's harsh criticisms here of Dean Beman, the US tour commissioner, contained observations and ideas about the state of American tournament golf which found sympathetic echoes among ordinary players, particularly those not among the leading money winners.

Why should the professional who performs for the first two days of an event then produces hundreds of thousands of dollars for charity, who pays his entry fee, caddy charges and personal expenses for travel and accommodation and then fails to qualify, leave the venue without a cent? Should not every entrant in fields of 144 go away with say $2,000 (£1,400), out of the total purse?

The usual answer is that professionals are self-employed freelance contractors, the 14 clubs in their bags are their stock in trade and they endure weeks and sometimes months with very little income because they are "their own men." Nobody tells them where they play or when and consequently they don't expect, nor should they receive, any reward when they fail.

But there is a growing body of opinion among the also-rans which says that this is not only a Catch 22 situation but is a basically unfair one. Forget O'Grady's wilder words about Beman. Here are some of his sounder ideas about how the tour should take better care of the men who make it what it is.

"The tour gives away $15 million to charity each year, admittedly an act of benevolence and kindness, but the players have no hospitalization schemes," O'Grady said, pointing out that charity should begin at home. "Jim Nelford mangled an arm in a water-skiing accident and that injury wiped out his savings and his career. Jack Newton walked into an airplane propeller. That the tour doesn't have adequate insurance is an embarrassment.

"We're allowed three releases each season to play in events opposite official PGA tournaments," O'Grady, who was once a European professional, explained. "If you're part of Beman's pseudo-elite social club, he'll grant you more than three but he'll expect you to respond by playing in a tournament of his choice later on. The dinosaurs (the top few players) tell him to stuff that.

"Beman says that if we don't play in Wednesday's pro-ams, we don't get pension plan points. Yet we only get points if we make 15 cuts," O'Grady said. "Beman creates his own totalitarian rules and anybody who alienates himself or violates Beman's principles of authority gets fined."

O'Grady's main complaint seems to be that the professionals are not so free as they appear to be. "If we're independent contractors, as he says, how can Beman put trade restrictions on our services?" he asked. This strikes an answering chord in the memories of British golfers who recall that Mr Beman, some years ago, attempted to make American tournaments on both sides of the British Open "designated" ones so that it would be impossible for players like Jack Nicklaus, Tom Watson and Johnny Miller either to holiday or do business in the United Kingdom detrimental to the US tour.

That idea has long since gone, but both critics and supporters of Beman believe that his insistence that more and more tournaments move on to PGA owned or part-owned "stadium courses" means that the tour here will eventually control most tour sites, and when that happens they say "watch out".

There has always, of course, been a basic unevenness in the distribution of prize-money, witness the cheques received here by Corey Pavin $90,000, Bernhard Langer $29,000, Mac O'Grady $7,014, Nick Faldo (five strokes behind Langer) $4,016 and Peter Oosterhuis (10 behind) $1,203.

Leading earnings

US TOUR (US unless stated): 1, H Sutton, $141,960; 2, B Langer (WG), $141,692; 3, C Peete, $137,605; 4, D Hammond, $117,092; 5, F Zoeller, $116,875; 6, C Pavin, $103,907; 7, B Tway, $101,635; 8, P Azinger, $90,158; 9, T Sills, $88,168; 10, P Stewart, $88,192; 11, J Cook, $76,136; 12, T Watson, $89,136; 13, M O'Meara, $87,530; 14, J Mudd, $57,449; 15, M Wiebe, $51,591; 16, J Mahaffey, $49,798; 17, J Thorpe, $43,317; 18, P Blackmar, $40,909; 19, C Stadler, $40,551; 20, D Edwards, $38,525. British: 31, S Lyle, $27,449; 113, N Faldo, $4,017; 127, P Oosterhuis, $2,421.

BOXING

Rodney's toughest encounter

By Srikumar Sen

Boxing Correspondent

Prince Rodney, the British light-middleweight champion, will have to be at his sharpest to resist the challenge of Chris Pyatt, of Leicester, at the Albert Hall tonight. It is a contest full of interesting possibilities and much depends on Rodney's mental attitude. Pyatt is young, keen and ready for the fray.

Rodney has been showing signs of weariness after a long hard haul to reach the top. Turning professional in 1977, he had to battle all the way. He suffered a first-round knockout by Herol Graham, then after winning the title he received an eye injury in sparring and was forced to give up the title. He won it back last May from Jimmy Cable by knocking out the Orpington boxer in the first round. But he looked lethargic in his last two contests when winning his Lonsdale Belt outright against Mick Courtney and when losing a 10-rounder to Adam George, a lively young American.

Pyatt, on the other hand, is the most improving British boxer. A Commonwealth gold medal winner, and at 23 four years younger than Rodney, he is at his peak. In his 15 bouts he has been beaten only once, on a cut eye.

Both men are hard punchers, Rodney perhaps the heavier. Both can be hit, but then again Rodney, perhaps, the less so, being the cagier after 37 contests, 31 wins and five defeats. They have a common opponent, the stylish and durable Brian Anderson, from Sheffield. Both Rodney and Pyatt had to get off the floor to beat Anderson, Rodney to stop him, Pyatt to win on points. They may have to get off the floor again tonight.

It will be very much a question of who lands the first solid punch to gain the advantage. If, according to his way, Pyatt comes looking for for the champion he could be on the end of a looping left hand of the sort that sent Cable sailing through the air. If Rodney backs away and looks tentative, Pyatt's sharper two-handed punching could have him on the canvas. To win Rodney will have to do the damage early for in the later stages Pyatt's youth could tell.

CRICKET

The home-made insurance policy

By Richard Streeton

Northamptonshire, who last summer had only three locally-born players in the side, are to organize a new coaching scheme to find home-grown talent within their own borders. It is an exciting concept aimed at insuring the county's future and coincides with the completion of Stephen Coverdale's first year as secretary-manager to the club.

"We are a county with limited financial and population resources and the young players have not always been coming through," Coverdale explains. Brian Reynolds, the former Northamptonshire batsman and latterly chief coach, will now have his role expanded to ensure a closer liaison between the local cricket association, the clubs and the schools, right down to boys of nine and 10.

Coverdale, who is 31 and a qualified solicitor, is one of the new breed of young county administrators, who are helping cricket adjust to modern economic necessities. He won his Blue at Cambridge, playing four times against Oxford, and later understudied David Bairstow as Yorkshire wicketkeeper before he joined the BBC as sports editor of Radio Leeds in 1982. Last spring he moved to Northamptonshire, succeeding Ken Turner, who served the county as an official for 36 years, the last 25 as secretary.

"It is our hope that the comprehensive development we are planning for our coaching set-up will benefit not only the county club but the game locally as well," he says. "I sometimes fear for cricket standards. The reservoir of talent seems shallower than in the past. This coincides, too, with a period when it is necessary for standards and facilities in first-class cricket to be higher than ever before. We owe that to our members, supporters and sponsors."

Last summer Northamptonshire held nets for about 80 cricketers aged between 16 and 22 who had written for trials. "Yet you could count on the fingers of one hand those with the basic ability who could be recommended justifiably to try and make the grade," he said.

Coverdale said Northamptonshire had been planning to tighten up their coaching arrangements for some time. A fresh impetus had come from the emphasis placed by the TCCB's recent Palmer Report on the need to do this on a nationwide basis.

"My personal view is that a great deal of the Palmer Report will only be regarded as a basis for discussion on the game's future structure. But I also feel that there is no doubt that they are absolutely right about the need for coaching to be co-ordinated better."

Coverdale has three specific areas of responsibility at Northampton: the club's administration, fund-raising and promotion, and cricket management.

At Northamptonshire he has problems unique among county administrators with a headquarters ground shared by the town's Football League club, with both leasing their playing area from an ancient trust. "Inevitably the football club's presence imposes a limitation on the development we might try to do as a county cricket club."

Northamptonshire, with some 2,000 members and a turnover of only £400,000, are among the poorer counties and fund-raising remains a nagging worry for Coverdale. No other county is watching more closely the current examination by the TCCB into whether a proportion of the ancillary rights available to counties staging Test matches should be paid to clubs without the opportunity for such income.

Larger catering opportunities, hospitality boxes and advertising boards which can be sold with a guarantee of television exposure, all bring extra income from Tests which is not there for counties such as Northamptonshire. "It is a delicate matter and we appreciate Test match grounds must have the best facilities because Test cricket is so important to us all."

"On the other hand," Coverdale adds, "the 17 championship counties should be regarded as an entity. Remembering those ancillary rights, we at the non-Test match grounds feel we deserve a slightly larger piece of the cake from them because of the contribution we also make to the game."

Babe Ruths among the bush-babes

AUSTRALIAN SPORT
Sue Mott

A sport that has cows for a crowd and a club like the Deanmarsh Martians has probably not attracted Mr Packer's keen eye just yet; but Australian baseball is not worried.

It is, in fact, growing at a fairly steady rate, creeping out from the cities through the suburbs to the bush and now, of all places, Northern Territory has taken up America's summer pastime - a curious sight on the dust-blown wastes south of Darwin.

Much further south of Darwin the sport that made Babe Ruth famous has Victoria in a vice-like grip of excitement as the state has just won Australia's equivalent of the World Series, the Claxton Shield. Victoria defeated Western Australia last Saturday by five runs to two, to take the best-of-three series and cement their reputation as the country's finest.

The teams wore caps, the catcher had mitts, and the pitcher knew how to throw a curve ball; but, frankly, the similarity to one of those great showdowns between the Yankees and the Dodgers ended there.

For one thing, when a huge hit was fouled out into the darkened depths of the stadium, officials were forced to appeal for the ball's return. At $10 a ball, they cannot afford to lose one, and, as if to prove on cue that baseball is still an esoteric taste in this cricket-infatuated country, the ABC television transmission of the final was interrupted by a quick operatic burst of Don Giovanni. Embarassed producers later acknowledged their mistake, but some thought they might actually be vying for a broader viewing base.

Curiously, for all the sport's low to completely submerged profile, baseball bats have been wielded in Australia for almost a century and not just to kill cockroaches. A rush of California gold diggers to the fields of Victoria in the 1850s effectively imported the sport and it was taken up by the locals in 1894 when the New South Wales Baseball Association was formed.

The Claxton Shield was instigated in 1934 and has been played for ever since with only a break for the Second World War, Norrie Claxton's permanent tribute to the sport in which he excelled for South Australia. If it seems odd that anyone bothered to excel in baseball, it should be added that he was also a champion in cycling, athletics, hockey, cricket and Australian Rules football.

Baseball is now played by 100,000 people. The Bellarine Bears do it, the Colac Rebels play it and even the world-renowned Chappells tried it, much to the consternation of their cricketing father. "I had an equal love of cricket and baseball when I was a kid," Ian Chappell, the former Australian Test captain and rabid Yankee fan, said. "It certainly helped Greg and myself in putting away the full tosses."

Chappell, it may prosper the cause of sporting trivia to note, played for South Australia in the Claxton Shield in the mid-sixties and retains a great affection for the sport. "It suits the Aussie nature so well", he said. "The crowd can make some noise, sink some beer, and really get on the opposition" —what there is of the crowd, it should be added.

The Claxton Shield final was an exception, staged at the magnificent Parry field with its fibreglass mound and floodlights and at least 2,000 spectators packed behind home plate.

Usually the fields are a little more spartan, running the gamut of ingenuity right down to sheep paddock, and with a crowd correspondingly varied. "We used to play on parklands where you had to be careful of the cow dung", Chappell said. "And often we would have to stop in the middle of a game when a cow wandered into centre field."

Not surprisingly, administrators of the amateur sport are keen to sever any connection with the American version of the game. They see native resistance to a sport naturally pursued by hulking gum-chewers with multi-million dollar take-homes when all the Claxton winners take home is the shield.

Touches of Australian authenticity are being actively sought but THe fact remains that any truly prodigious prospect, like New South Wales's Mark Shipley, is whisked across the Pacific before cricket can snare him. Shipley is one of a handful of Australians who have made a professional career, albeit in the minor leagues, with the Los Angeles Dodgers.

Gary O'Brien, president of the Victorian provincial baseball league with 190 clubs on his books, reckons the very "compactness" of Australian baseball saves it from the worst excesses endured by the United States. "We have no drug problem at all in the sport," he said. "The worst that happens here is someone drinking three beers too many and needing a ride home from his mates."

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CRICKET

Gatting's nose broken as England's worst fears turn to reality

From John Woodcock, Cricket Correspondent, Kingston, Jamaica

England's worst fears seemed well founded when the first one-day international against West Indies began here yesterday. Put in by Richards, they finished at 145 for eight after 46 overs, Gatting having had his nose broken in the process of being out and Gower's recent run of failures having continued. To make matters worse, Ellison as well as Botham, was missing from the England side.

Gooch and Gatting had been together for 12 overs and were looking capable of pulling England round from a start of 10 for two when Gatting made to hook a bouncer from Marshall. To be fair to the West Indians, they had been rationing the short stuff and this was a perfectly fair ball. Gatting simply backed his chance of hitting it for four, but it was a shade too fast for him and the bounce a fraction too steep.

Gatting departed, the leg bale off, his face streaming with blood. In Marshall's next over but one Gooch, having made 36 out of 63, was caught at the wicket. But Lamb hung on and Willis raised England's hopes of some sort of recovery with three or four strong, short-arm strokes, mostly off the fast bowlers, and lofted to the offside from outside the leg stump.

A couple of dropped catches in the deep, offered by Lamb off Harper, also went begging. But in the 38th over Willey and Lamb were out off successive balls. Willey, making room for his stroke, drove a high catch to deep cover, and Lamb, pulling, a higher one to long leg. The crowd, no more than a handful at the start, now approached 10,000.



Patterson: early blows

It was thought better to give Botham more time in which to get fit for Friday's Test match, which the physiotherapist is hopeful he will be. Ellison, who has a slightly strained side and some prickly heat - a niggle and an itch - has been bowling well enough for no chances to be taken with him either. Rather than take the opportunity of including Edmonds as well as Emburey and Willey, thereby fielding three spinners, England opted for Foster, Thomas and Taylor, an improbable trio of faster bowlers.

Patterson, opening the bowling with Garner, yorked Robinson in his first over and had Gower caught at first slip in his second. It was a spectacular start to the long-legged Jamaican's international career. Though not as tall as Garner and Walsh, Patterson is well over 6 ft and looks strong with it. Mostly he pitched the ball well up, partly, no doubt, because the groundsman seemed to have produced a less bouncey pitch than the last one. Patterson bowled genuinely if not lighteningly fast.

Robinson was out to his fourth ball, as was Gower, aiming a somewhat wafty shot at the pitch of the ball. In Patterson's fifth over, Gooch, then 11, was missed at slip, a sharp, shoulder-high chance to Richards, and Gatting took a first nasty blow on the left wrist. Of Gooch's first eight runs six were from edged shots against Garner. And Richards still had Marshall and Walsh up his sleeve.

ENGLAND

G A Gooch b Marshall	36
R T Robinson b Patterson	0
*D I Gower c Richards b Patterson	0
M W Gatting hit wkt b Marshall	10
A J Lamb c Greenidge b Marshall	30
P Willey c Richardson b Marshall	26
†P R Downton ttw b Garner	6
J E Emburey b Garner	5
N A Foster not out	5
J G Thomas not out	0
Extras	25
Total (8 wkts, 46 overs)	145

L B Taylor did not bat

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-2, 2-10, 3-47, 4-63, 5-125, 6-125, 7-137, 8-143.

WEST INDIES: C G Greenidge, D L Haynes, R B Richardson, *I V A Richards, H A Gomes, †P J Dujon, R A Harper, M D Marshall, J Garner, C A Walsh, B P Patterson.

Umpires: D Archer and A Gaynor

Captain leads by example

Hamilton (Reuter) — Allan Border, with a masterly captain's innings of 77, led the Australians to a four-wicket victory over Northern Districts here yesterday in the opening match of their New Zealand tour. The victory, achieved only a few minutes before the scheduled close, was rather more comfortable than the margin suggests and should put the Australians in good heart for the first Test match beginning in Wellington on Friday.

Border, who played the best innings of a rain-affected three-day match, reshuffled the batting order and, at the end, still had an opening batsman, Marsh, and the all-rounder, Matthews, in hand. Border displayed a superb range of strokes

NORTHERN DISTRICTS: First innings 167 for 2 dec (D White 53, B R Blair 51 not out)

Second innings

R Mawhinney b Reid	0
L M Crocker b Bright	23
D White c Waugh b Reid	8
B R Blair c Waugh b Bright	46
G P Howarth st Zoehrer b Bright	6
C M Kuggeleijn c Davis b Bright	5
†S A Young low Davis	31
M J Child c Matthews b Bright	9
*S Scott b Reid	17
K Treiber b Reid	8
S M Carrington not out	1
Extras (b 8, lb 8, nb 6)	22
Total	187

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-0, 2-23, 3-64, 4-84, 5-95, 6-100, 7-100, 8-145, 9-182, 10-187.

BOWLING: Reid 12.2-2-24-4; Davis 11-3-23-1; Bright 18-3-43-5; Gilbert 8-2-30-0; Waugh 4-2-11-0; Phillips 1-0-4-0; Matthews 7-2-16-0.

AUSTRALIANS: First innings 158 for 1 dec (G R J Matthews 57 not out)

Second innings

W B Phillips c Crocker b Carrington	12
†T J Zoehrer c Child b Treiber	30
S Waugh c Young b Treiber	3
*A R Border st Young b Treiber	77
R J Bright c and b Child	2
B Reid not out	29
D Gilbert c and b Treiber	0
G M Ritchie not out	27
Extras (b 1, nb 2)	3
Total (6 wkts)	183

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-17, 2-22, 3-62, 4-110, 5-136, 6-136.

BOWLING: Carrington 9-2-25-1; Treiber 23.5-6-62-4; Scott 4-0-24-0; Kuggeleijn 3-0-14-0; Child 11-1-23-1; Mawhinney 1-1-0-0; Crocker 0.4-0-4-0.

England shown up in field

From Simon Wilde, Colombo

England B must be beginning to wonder what on earth they are doing in Sri Lanka. Their frustration rose yesterday as steadily as the afternoon sun and their pursuit must feel as trivial as the board game which has now reached these parts.

Sri Lanka advanced their first innings score from 161 for one to 390 for six in the fourth four-day international here yesterday and with only one day left there is no realistic prospect of a definite result. A draw today would be the seventh in as many first-class matches for England on the tour. They continue to struggle to bowl sides out. Even when someone bowls well, as Agnew and Cook did yesterday, it is not being translated into the taking of wickets.

Their present frame of mind is epitomized by their showing in the field, which would have embarrassed most county sides. At least five chances went begging and any number of half-chances were casually left as such. Fernando, who went on to make a hard-struck 56 with three sixes and six fours, was dropped in the gully when four by Randall, who will not be given an easier catch in his life. And if Randall is dropping them, then something must be wrong.

When England's tour began their ambition was to force Sri Lanka to bring in their most senior players, which they did not want to do. In fact all England have succeeded in doing is allowing some young batsmen to establish reputations for themselves. Yesterday, after Samarasekera had his off stump clipped by Tremlett with only seven added to his overnight century, in came England's old friend, Mahanama. Dropped at the wicket by Rhodes when nine, he scored an elegant 64 with nine fours and shared a stand of 94 with Tillekeratne, a 17-year-old left-hander.

England's discontent was not placated by what they clearly felt was poor umpiring. Nicholas remained busy ensuring that his bowlers continued to channel their energy into the next ball. They appeared unhappy about a number of decisions by K. T. Ponnambalam, the umpire, especially Cowans after he had had an appeal for caught behind turned down when Tillekeratne was 28. The umpire remained bespectacled and unmoved.

Mahanama became the victim of a minor sensation when he attempted to play Lawrence through the covers off the back foot and was bowled. It was the first time in 688 attempts that Lawrence had hit the stumps on the tour. There was much slapping of hands.

In the 13th over of the day Madugalle, the Sri Lankan captain, retired hurt. A rising ball from Agnew deflected from glove to face and resulted in a fractured thumb, four stitches in his upper lip and the shedding of a lot of blood.

In a similar incident three years ago in a Test match in New Zealand Rumesh Ratnayake, one of Sri Lanka's opening bowlers, fainted at the sight of John Wright's blood. Agnew is no Rambo but at least he did not do that.

ENGLAND B: First innings 389 for 8 dec (D W Randall 92, W N Stack 85)

SRI LANKA: First innings

S Warnakulasuriya c Randall b Lawrence	4
A Samarasekara b Tremlett	110
*R Madugalle retired hurt	57
R Mahanama b Lawrence	57
H Tillekeratne c Cook, b Agnew	37
K Ranasinghe c Rhodes b Agnew	3
G Wickramasinghe not out	29
L Fernando st Rhodes b Smith	5
G Parera not out	0
Extras	27
Total (6 wkts)	390

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-8, 2-182, 3-276, 4-298, 5-304, 6-390.

BOWLING (to date): Agnew 24-3-59-2; Lawrence 20-1-73-2; Tremlett 27-6-85-1; Cowans 24-5-75-0; Cook 28-12-88-0; Smith 3.5-0-13-1.

Heyhoe Flint resigns after 25 years

Rachael Heyhoe Flint, England's most famous woman cricketer, yesterday ended her 25-year association with the sport and reopened the verbal battle over links with South Africa.

Mrs Heyhoe Flint, who played in 51 Tests and one-day internationals, said she would not serve as public relations officer for the Women's Cricket Association and then accused her former colleagues of "hypocrisy".

Her decision arises from the WCA's ban from this summer's interantionals imposed on 12 players who went on a private tour to South Africa in December. Although Mrs Heyhoe Flint was not part of the tour, she was in South Africa at the same time to celebrate the 25th anniversary of her first England appearance.

She said yesterday: "I am not objecting to the ban, but the way it has been done. This latest tour was the fifth of its kind to South Africa in the last 10 years. A number of players who are in this summer's Test reckoning have been on previous tours, but they are not banned.

"The ruling should either have applied to everyone who has ever toured South Africa or be a warning for the future. But the way they have done it is hypocritical and I cannot be a part of it."

Mrs Heyhoe Flint, a former WCA chairman, added: "Several officers were well aware the tour was being planned, yet no warning was issued. I think the decision has a lot to do with the fact that the WCA wanted sponsorship for this summer's home series with India. They wanted to appease the Indians in case there were any objections over sporting links with South Africa.

"Women's cricket has been my life for 25 years and I'm sad that I find it necessary to resign. But I feel someone had to make a stand."

Cathy Mowat, chairman of the WCA, refuted Mrs Heyhoe Flint's charge of hypocrisy. "The WCA did not know this tour was taking place. We had to put our house in order and draw a line somewhere." She confirmed that the 12 banned players ("only one of whom was realistically in with a chance of Test selection this summer") had been given 21 days to appeal against the decision.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

7.30 unless stated

FOOTBALL

Second division

Sheffield Utd v Bradford P

Aberdeen v Rangers
Celtic v Dundee P
Motherwell v Hibernian P

Airdrieonians v Hamilton P
Brechin City v Alloa Athletic P
Dumbarton v Ayr United
Montrose v Falkirk
Partick v East Fife P

Cowdenbeath v Stranraer
Meadowbank v Stirling Alb
Queen of Sth v St Johnstone

FREIGHT ROVER [illegible] sections: Southend Utd v [illegible] Town (7.45)
FA TROPHY: Third round: Wednesbury v South Bank
GOLA LEAGUE: Scarborough v Frickley.
MILKPART LEAGUE: Burton v Morecambe.
CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Barnsley v Sheffield United (7.0); Blackburn v Aston Villa (7.0); Huddersfield v West Bromwich; Hull v Leicester (7.0); Nottingham Forest v Newcastle (7.0). Second division: Port Vale v Bolton (7.0); Scunthorpe v Notts County.
FOOTBALL COMBINATION: Charlton v Southampton (at Bromley FC, 2.0); Millwall v Reading (2.0); Oxford v Crystal Palace.
SOUTHERN JUNIOR FLOODLIT CUP: Third round: West Ham v Arsenal.
LONDON SPARTAN LEAGUE: Cup: Third round: Collier Row v Harwell.
REPRESENTATIVE MATCHES: Royal Air Force v Dutch Air Force (at RAF Uxbridge, 2.0); Suffolk FA v Hertfordshire FA (at Sudbury FC)

RUGBY UNION

CLUB MATCHES: Abertillery v South Glamorgan Institute (7.0); Civil Service v Royal Navy (at Chiswick, 2.30); Plymouth v Exeter University. Cancelled: The Army v Territorial Army.

OTHER SPORT

BOXING: British light-middleweight championship: Prince Rodney v Chris Pyatt (at the Albert Hall).
HOCKEY: Universities Athletic Union v Hockey Association (at Bisham Abbey, 3.0); The Army v Hawks (at Whitley Village, 2.15).
SNOOKER: Dulux British open tournament (at Derby Assembly Rooms).
SQUASH RACKETS: ICI open championships (at Thornaby).

Safety hitch

Northampton Town, of the fourth division, are facing further problems with ground safety regulations. The local fire authority says that the terrace behind one goal at the County Ground is unsafe. Barriers need attention on the terrace, which is used by visiting supporters, and a meeting tomorrow will decide whether any part of it can open for the League game against Orient next Tuesday.

Shares meeting

Middlesbrough are to hold an extraordinary shareholders' meeting on Sunday, March 9 to discuss a proposed issue of one million shares.

FOOTBALL: POSTPONEMENT OF TONIGHT'S FA CUP TIE IS GOOD RESULT FOR MANCHESTER UNITED



Kevin Sheedy (above), the Everton andRepublic of Ireland midfield player, could be out of action for the rest of the season following an unexpected cartilage operation. Sheedy limped out of a recent game against Tottenham Hotspur with a knee injury which was thought to be ligament trouble; but it then was diagnosed that he required an operation.

His loss comes as a blow to the League champions, as they chase the FA Cup and League double. Sheedy was a regular in last season's championship and Cup teams. Kevin Richardson, who deputized for him in the 1984 FA Cup final, will fill the gap, but the Everton manager, Howard Kendall, will have to think seriously about whether he needs to go into the transfer market to strengthen a squad which is already missing its first-choice centre half, Derek Mountfield, because of injury.

United's best assets are frozen

By Clive White

The postponement yesterday of Manchester United's FA Cup fifth-round tie against West Ham United at Upton Park must have been well received at Old Trafford. The tie, due to be played tonight, has been put back a fortnight because of next week's internationals and, should United play in the meantime, Bryan Robson and Norman Whiteside could become available.

The pair will be paying particular attention to the long-range weather forecast over the next few days. United have two games scheduled between now and the new Cup date, Monday, March 3, against West Bromwich Albion and Southampton, while Robson and Whiteside have one and two games respectively to go to the end of their suspensions.

United, whose success in the League championship is seriously threatened in particular by Everton's rush of form, will again be giving the Cup their special attention. Their ability to overcome West Ham, whom this observer considers to have ideal credentials for Cup success this season, will depend largely upon the type of driving midfield qualities that Robson and Whiteside can offer.

All the other outstanding FA Cup ties, excluding that at Liverpool last night, were postponed as the freezing weather refused to relent. Aston Villa's rearranged Milk Cup semi-final first leg against Oxford United, which was due to be staged tonight, was also put into cold storage for next Tuesday. Tottenham Hotspur's tie against Everton, which was postponed from Sunday until today, has been further delayed until Tuesday, March 4.

This will intensify Tottenham's activity that week since they play Liverpool in a televised League match at White Hart Lane the preceding Sunday and, should they dispose of Everton, will have Arsenal or Luton to deal with on the following Saturday in the sixth round of the FA Cup.

Derby County are faced with similarly demanding weeks. Already five fixtures behind some of their promotion rivals in the third division, they could least afford the postponement of their tie against Sheffield Wednesday until next Monday. Because of it they face four matches in eight days.

Last night's postponed fifth-round replay between Millwall and Southampton at the Den and tomorrow's between Brighton and Peterborough at the Goldstone Ground were put back - optimistically - by just 24 hours. There will be a morning inspection at Millwall.

REARRANGED FA CUP DATES. Today: Millwall v Southampton. Tomorrow: Brighton v Peterborough United. Monday, Feb 24: Derby County v Sheffield Wednesday. Monday, March 3: Arsenal v Luton Town, West Ham United v Manchester United, Watford v Bury. Tuesday, March 4: Tottenham Hotspur v Everton.

Top clubs ready to spell out reform plans

The first division clubs are holding out a carrot worth at least £10 million to persuade the rest of the Football League to support their plans for reform. That is how much could be lost in the event of failure to reach agreement in the long-running controversy by the end of the season.

The League would struggle to tempt a new sponsor to put up £5 million for a three-year deal, and television would be reluctant to enter into a multi-million pound agreement while the threat of a breakaway still exists.

Even though the top 22 clubs would claim 50 per cent of such deals under their restructuring package, what would be left is still enough, they insist, to bring the rest of the 92 clubs into line.

"The sooner this situation is resolved the better for all concerned," their spokesman, Phil Carter (the Everton chairman), said. "Football will go on next season come what may. But sponsors must be anxious to know what is going to happen, especially with respect to television, who themselves will want to see this debate resolved."

The first division clubs, putting on a united front, have spelt out the battle plan to get their own way. First, at the extraordinary general meeting on March 4, they will vote down the proposals by the Management Committee which do not give them enough power. Then they will call their annual meeting, probably in April, to put forward their detailed 10-point package.

If that is not acceptable to the rest of the League they will seriously consider a breakaway. The chairman of Aston Villa, Doug Ellis, warned of the consequences and attempted to reassure the rest of the League that the elite clubs are not acting selfishly. "I feel we have shown great responsibility in our discussions about the future of the game," he said. "It's not a case of 22 clubs saying goodbye to the rest and leaving them to paddle their own canoe, even though we would grab 100 per cent of the income if we did.

"We have tried to help them as much as possible and we sincerely hope that we can continue to resolve this problem in a democratic fashion." But Carter warned that the first division resolve was hardening saying: "If things stay the same there is no way the major clubs will allow themselves to be dragged down to obscurity. We will not let that happen."

As the second division clubs seem certain to support the first division proposals, it could mean a bleak future for the associate members of the third and fourth divisions, who meet in London on Wednesday to plan their own campaign.

Dooley is put in command

Derek Dooley, who first came to prominence when he scored 46 goals in 30 league games for Sheffield Wednesday in the 1951-52 season and then tragically lost a leg less than a year later, has returned to the limelight with his appointment as managing director of Sheffield United.

It was 33 years ago almost to the day when he played against Preston in a first division match and fractured a leg which had to be amputated

He refused to become despondent and with Wednesday became youth coach, development fund organizer and team manager before moving across the city to become Sheffield United's commercial manager

Later he became United's first paid director in 1983 and his latest appointment at the age of 57 means that he has filled almost every position in the game.

Völler's Mexico dilemma

Bonn (Reuter) — Rudi Völler, the West German forward who has just undergone groin surgery, expressed serious doubts yesterday that he would recover in time to spearhead his country's attack in the World Cup finals in Mexico in June.

"My taking part in the World Cup is in great danger," Völler told the West German sport news agency SID in an interview in the Belgian town of Leuven where he had the operation.

In a league match for Werder Bremen last November, Völler suffered what doctors first thought was a torn muscle. But after several weeks the injury had failed to heal.

● PARIS: France have named two new players in the side to play Northern Ireland at Parc des Princes next Wednesday. The manager, Henri Michel, who plans to take three goalkeepers to Mexico, picked Bruno Martini, of Auxerre.

Joel Bats remains the number one goalkeeping choice with Sochaux's Albert Rust as cover, although he is not included because of injury.

The other newcomer is Jean-Pierre Papin, Bruges's 21-year-old centre forward

Brentwood effort rewarded

Schools football
by George Chesterton

The schools' football programme has well nigh ground to a halt, though Brentwood ventured on to the field with King's Canterbury in conditions of freezing rain and a biting wind and were rewarded with a 3-1 victory.

Shanks scored early for Brentwood but King's equalized just before half-time. Brentwood had most of the play in the second half with the wind in their backs. Wood put them ahead with a low drive from 40 yards and Bhachia settled the issue with a diving header

Wood should be taking the field again on Sunday when, weather permitting, Southern Public Schools play Sussex at Charterhouse.

SOUTHERN SCHOOLS: S Brown (Kimbolton), R Butler (Forest), P Wood (Brentwood), G Forth (Hampton), M Carpenter (Chigwell), M Lindstrom (Highgate), N Godbold (Hampton), N Bramley (Kes Willey), C Isherwood (Wellingborough), B Campanini (Victoria College, Jersey), C Barnes (Eton).

IN BRIEF

Race that puts emphasis on crew safety

A new yacht race for amateur sailors was announced in London yesterday. The rules do not allow any commercial sponsorship for the cruisers competing in the event, which starts in November from Gran Canaria, Canary Islands.

Crews will sail to Bridgetown, Barbados, and entries will come mainly from yachtsmen making the winter cruise to the Bahamas.

The race, organized by *Yachting World* magazine, puts the emphasis on safety.

RUGBY LEAGUE: Oldham's home game against Warrington in the Silk Cut Challenge Cup second round, due to be televised on Saturday, has been put back to Sunday with a three o'clock kick-off. The cameras will cover a delayed first round tie between Bradford and Wakefield on the heated pitch at Headingley on Saturday.

MOTOR RACING: Two anonymous supporters of the late Formula one world champion, Graham Hill, have put up the money for his son Damon to contest the £150,000-a-year British Formula Three championship from March.

TENNIS

Stars ask for more work

From Richard Evans, Boca Raton, Florida

Not for the first time, the game's officials have underestimated the professionalism of those top players who are so often accused of being self-indulgent and overpaid. There are not many people in any walk of life who advocate working longer hours for the same pay, but that is what Ivan Lendl and Mats Wilander are suggesting.

The two top seeds here at the Lipton International Players Championships have both stated publicly this week that they would like to see the format for this tournament changed to best-of-five-set matches from the first round in both singles and doubles. Currently all men's matches except the singles final are played as best-of-three.

"The idea seems to be to turn this event into a fifth Grand Slam championship to rank alongside Wimbledon and the other three" said Lendl "But it will never be considered that important by the players unless they use a best-of-five-set format. The Association of Tennis Professionals and the Pro Council thought that by keeping the matches shorter they would make it more attractive to the top players. But I can assure you precisely the opposite is true."

The ATP, who are responsible for running this event in conjunction with the Women's Tennis Association (WTA), did indeed think that the leading players would be more inclined to commit to a two-week event in an already-crowded calendar if their workload was kept to a minimum. But, strangely for a body made up exclusively of current and former players, they underestimated their colleagues' pride of performance. Top players know full well that upsets are more likely to occur over three sets because the lower-ranked players are usually unable to sustain a hot streak over the full distance.

"Yes, you could say best of five is beneficial to me in that respect," admitted Lendl candidly. "But I am prepared to go out and work for it even if it means many more hours on court." No doubt tournament director Butch Buchholz will be listening hard to these opinions, because everything he has tried to create here, starting with the 128-player draw in both the mens' and womens' events and the reintroduction of mixed doubles, has been planned with a view to attaining Grand Slam recognition.

When Buchholz's plans first became known, there was much talk of the Lipton event superceding the Australian Open, which for the past two decades had been very much the poor relation amongst the world's four leading championships. However, the Australian LTA, with the active support of Philippe Chatrier, the president of the International Tennis Federation (ITF), have worked hard to attract better entries at Kooyong.

Now, under the guidance of their far-thinking president Brian Tobin, plans have been finalized to build a new National Tennis Centre close to the Melbourne Cricket Ground and Tobin, who arrived here yesterday, tells me that ground is about to be broken. The new site is expected to be ready to stage the Australian Open in 1988.

None of that worries Buchholz, who would be quite content to have his event designated as a fifth Grand Slam.

MEN'S SINGLES: Fourth round: S Edberg (Sw) bt M Davis (US) 6-2, 6-3; G Forget (Fr) bt M Robertson (SA) 6-4; 6-4; J Nystrom (Sw) bt P Arraya (Peru) 6-4, 6-4; Y Noah (Fr) J Gunnarsson (Sw) 6-1, 7-6; I Lendl (Cz) J Arias (US) 6-1, 7-5; J Connors (US) bt T Tulasne (Fr) 6-1, 5-7, 7-6.

WOMEN'S SINGLES: Fourth round: T Prelpe (US) bt D Balestrat (Aus) 7-5, 6-2

SNOOKER

Thorburn returns to worry Thorne

By Sydney Friskin

Cliff Thorburn, of Canada, who is at the top of the earnings list for this season, makes his first appearance today in the Dulux British Open snooker championship after a short holiday at his home in Toronto. He plays Mark Wildman in the first match of the afternoon.

Thorburn has so far won the Langs Scottish Masters tournament, the Goya Matchroom Trophy and retained the Benson and Hedges Masters title when he beat Jimmy White in the final last month. He is in the top half of the draw and faces a possible semi-final with Willie Thorne, who is thinking of nothing else but a prospective meeting with Steve Davis in the final. Davis, himself, seems to have a fairly easy passage into the semi-finals.

Thorne, who is in sparkling form, will have a lot to do should he meet Thorburn in the semi-finals, for the Canadian becomes stronger and stronger once he finds his rhythm.

Canadian representation in this tournament is strong and yesterday afternoon the burly Werbeniuk was busy with his break-building against Joe Johnson of Leeds. Werbeniuk had a break of 43 in the first frame, 68 and 30 clearances in the third and 34 in the fourth to take a 4-1 lead. On the adjoining table Eddie Charlton, of Australia, led Paddy Browne, a Manchester-based Irishman, by three frames to one.

Tony Knowles, after his 5-4 defeat by Jim Wych, of Canada, on Monday night, was back in hospital at Bolton yesterday undergoing treatment for a blood disorder which has caused him much discomfort. Despite his handicap, he had spent a week practising hard for his match. He said: "I am disappointed that I lost because I thought I was playing well." Knowles made bigger breaks, compiling them at a faster pace. His best was a 71 in the seventh frame but the Canadian had a stronger finish. He came back to level at 2-2 and again at 4-4, eventually winning the match on the black ball with a clearance of 32, taking the last red, the brown and all the colours in a row.

Wych, whose business commitments in Canada have kept him away from the British circuit in recent months, said that he was back to stay.

Kirk Stevens, last year's runner-up, settled an old score when he defeated Cliff Wilson 5-0 to set up a fifth round meeting with Thorne. Wilson had beaten him in 1978 in Malta in the semi-finals of the World Amateur Championship in Malta.

SCORES: Fourth round: K Stevens (Can) bt C Wilson 5-0. Frame scores: 90-26, 89-35, 73-6, 70-25, 81-50. J Wych (Can) bt T Knowles 5-4. Frame scores: 41-82, 17-89, 76-18, 64-61, 58-40, 0-113, 5-95, 57-2, 56-48.

BASKETBALL

UNITED STATES: National Association (NBA): Dallas Mavericks 126, New Jersey Nets 124; Cleveland Cavaliers 111, New York Knicks 97; Indiana Pacers 124, Chicago Bulls 110; Seattle Supersonics 100, Atlanta Hawks 97; Detroit Pistons 117, Utah Jazz 96; Milwaukee Bucks 111, Philadelphia 76ers 106, Phoenix Suns 108, Boston Celtics 101; Houston Rockets 116, Golden State Warriors 110; Washington Bullets 98, Los Angeles Clippers 84.

FOOTBALL

DOHA (QATAR): Eight-nation under-18 tournament: Uruguay 1, Qatar 1; Morocco 1, Italy 0.

ICE HOCKEY

NORTH AMERICA: National League (NHL): Philadelphia Flyers 8, Winnipeg Jets 4, Los Angeles Kings 3, Montreal Canadiens 2 (after extra time).

TENNIS

QUEEN'S CLUB: LTA men's indoor satellite tournament: Second round: J Windahl (Swe) bt D Masserdo (SA) 6-3, 6-1; C Falk (Swe) bt L Aitken (Wal) 6-3, 6-2; C Bergstrom (Swe) bt R Wheatley (Kent) 4-6, 6-2, 6-4; G Connell (Can) bt E Riley (USA) 7-5, 4-6, 7-5; D Skene (USA) w/o A Castle (Somerset). SC: M Christensen (Den) bt C Kerr-con (USA) 6-4; 6-3, J Lodder (Neth) bt S Botsford (Essex) 7-6, 3-6, 6-4; R Drysdale (Essex) bt F Sauer (Neth) 7-6 6-3

YACHTING

RIO DE JANEIRO: World Flying Dutchman championships: Leading positions: 1, J Diesel/E Dresch (WG); 2, J Turner/P Allen (GB); 3, A Elsen/T Dmoch (WG); 4, A Bisch/N Mendes (WG); 5, M Savelly/R Gazzei (It); 6, A Adler/M Temko (Braz).

BOXING

PM urged to intervene in Bruno bout

By Srikumar Sen
Boxing Correspondent

Anti-apartheid groups stepped up their campaign yesterday to stop Gerrie Coetzee boxing Frank Bruno in a final eliminator for the World Boxing Association heavyweight title. They have sent a telegram to the Prime Minister asking her to intervene.

The chairman of the Black British Conference against Apartheid in Sport, Paul Stephenson, has also written a letter to Coetzee, who is at present in London, asking him to show his opposition to apartheid by calling off the bout.

The letter says "Your presence in this country constitutes a flagrant breach of the British Government's commitment to the Gleneagles Agreement, which clearly states the need to take effective action against all sporting competitions and contacts with South African sports representatives and teams." The letter goes on to say: "You say you are opposed to apartheid. We challenge you to demonstrate this by calling off your fight with Bruno and joining the growing international campaign for sanctions against your Government."

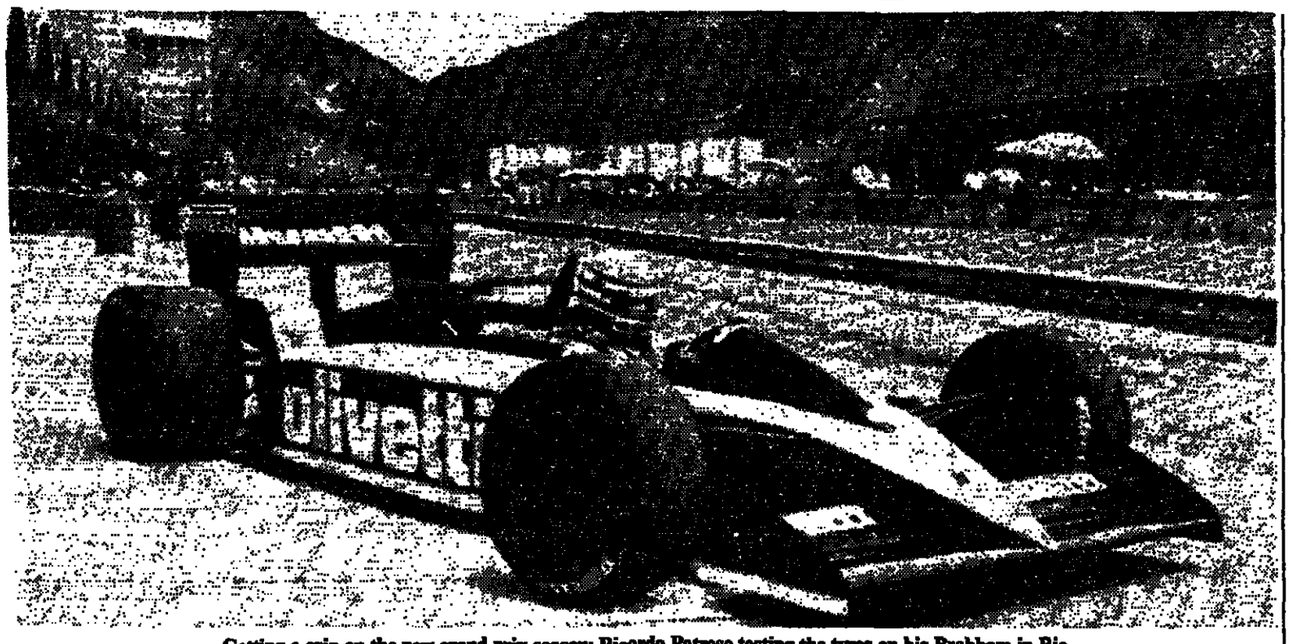
Mr Stephenson said that the three anti-apartheid groups spearheading the campaign would be seeking the support of Opposition party leaders, Neil Kinnock, David Steel and David Owen, and Commonwealth heads of state. A protest rally for March 2 has also been organized.

Player awards

Middlesex County Cricket Club have renewed their sponsorship agreement with Austin Reed, of Regent Street. Part of the agreement will be in the form of individual awards for player of the month and player of the season.

Armstrong's talks

Ken Armstrong, the Birmingham City central defender, travelled to Walsall yesterday to discuss a £60,000 transfer. The Scot, who joined Birmingham at the start of last season in a £100,000 deal with Southampton, was expected to give his decision late last night.



Getting a grip on the new grand prix season: Ricardo Patrese testing the tyres on his Brabham in Rio

WHERE SPORT MAKES A NONSENSE OF SECTARIAN INTRANSIGENCE

Ireland's blazer badge of unity

For an Englishman attempting to understand the complexities of the Irish sectarian problems, never mind for a foreigner, sport in Ulster and the Republic provides a strange contrast. It is almost totally united —and successful.

Just consider the array of stars: Sean Kelly and Stephen Roche in cycling, both of the Republic; Dennis Taylor (snooker) and Joey Dunlop (motor cycling), world champions from Ulster; Barry McGuigan, bridging the terrorist borders with his United Nations flag; Garth McGimpsey, the British Open amateur golf champion; Pat Jennings and Norman Whiteside, in football; and in atheltics Eamonn Coghlan and the brilliant new young miler, Marcus O'Sullivan. Ireland, north and south, spends more on sport per head of the population than the United Kingdom.

RUC man member of the Republic's team

Irish sport consistently makes nonsense of sectarian intransigence. Ken Stanford, a member of the Royal Ulster Constabulary, was a member of the shooting team in the Olympic Games in Moscow... for the Irish Republic. David Judge, a Dublin hockey stalwart for many years with 120 Republican caps, played for Great Britain in the 1964 Olympics. The Irish Olympic Committee accepts only those governing bodies which are 32-county based.

So almost all Ulster competitors, and many Republicans, have the option of two Olympic committees, Irish or British, because all but a handful of sport such as soccer and athletics, are all-Ireland, embracing the six counties. Catholic and Protestant scrum down side by side for the Triple Crown, or against each other for Ballymena and Cork. In Gaelic football, now into its second century, Antrim is as enthusiastic as Galway, even if the "troubles" have created some division between supporters since 1969. In 1956 the Irish Olympic Committee had a silver and three bronze medal winners in boxing, all from Ulster. Since 1964, the blazer badge has not carried the tricolour.

When Barry McGuigan defended his featherweight title in Dublin on Saturday, the banner of co. Down supporters was raised in triumph. The irony of the British citizenship of McGuigan, the boy from Republican co. Monaghan - which was required for him to be registered as a professional with the British Boxing Board of Control - is that it was granted on account of his Ulsterman grandfather, James McGuigan, a Catholic who was arrested and imprisoned for three years by the dreaded Black and Tans.

Sport in Ireland is tormented, but not deflected, by sectarian violence. In the fitness gymnasium in Lisburn run by Mary Peters, the 1972 pentathlon gold medal winner, there stands a life-size sculpture in fibre glass of Mary in shot-putting pose. Twice, before casting, the plaster was shaken off the framework when explosions rocked the studio of the local sculptress. A protestant cousin of McGuigan's wife was murdered by a terrorist bomb, and when the Catholic champion was married at a Protestant church, his bride's bouquet was placed on a dead girl's grave.

"Sport won't bring peace", admits Mary Peters, the inspirational figure after whom one of Ulster's two synthetic running tracks is named. "But everybody, whatever their allegiance, supports our sports champions, and sport helps lead to greater understanding. At school, Catholic never meets Protestant other than through sport or music or drama."

Mary is a driving figurehead in the annual Dale Farm Ulster Games, which with 16 sports has six more than the Commonwealth Games, for which this summer in June it forms an important preliminary. The Ulster Games has a budget of £75,000, a 20,000 total audience, and provides one of the few opportunities for international sport for Irish competitors. The presence of overseas stars such as Ovett and Budd is invaluable incentive, although security scares have dissuaded some English competitors from attending, and last year Welsh and Scots swimmers stayed away through parental anxiety.

"Of course, I too am anxious about security", Mary says, "because I'm seen as responsible for encouraging people to come here. Yet I live here still because I love the people" - she was born in England - "and because sport has brought the people together. The Ulster Games are the most exciting thing I've been involved in. It helps the Irish not to feel like second class citizens. It's so expensive for us to cross the water."

Commonwealth Games is the ambition

The proximity of Birmingham is one reason why Kevin O'Flanagan, Ireland's member of the International Olympic Committee, should vote for the British next October for the games of 1992.

Mary's dream is that before she retires Northern Ireland might be able to stage the Commonwealth Games. That must be doubtful, with the security costs, and the lack of hotels, a 50-metre swimming pool and a velodrome. Yet it is not a dream without hope. The Northern Ireland Sports Council, under the energetic leadership of George Glasgow, is seeing the benefit of a peak investment in 1982-83, and with its annual Government grant of £1 million now has 16 leisure centres.

"The problems throughout the seventies did affect winter evening indoor sport, such as basketball, table tennis and judo" Glasgow says. "But in the last five years there's an acceptance of the situation as 'normal', so the setback has been greatly reduced."

The Republic's Sport Council, Cospoir, under the leadership of the former 1,500 metres gold medal winner, Ron Delaney, and chief executive, Barry O'Hoolihan, has a budget of £1.6 million, and it grants aid to 63 national governing bodies.

Delaney is hopeful that the recently appointed new Sports Minister, Sean Barrett, who sits in Cabinet and is a former Gaelic football player, will be able to implement a national lottery which was proposed in a Government White Paper and could generate £10 million for sport and the building of a major new Dublin sports centre.

The Gaelic Athletic Association also cultivates the promotion of community activities in the cultural arena as well as its traditional football and hurling, in which it has 20,000 clubs and more playing members than ever. Yet like soccer in the United Kingdom it finds itself under threat from the wider choice now available to young people, hence its branching out into a wider social arena.

Interest in soccer rises and falls in relation to the success of the two World Cup teams. Jack Charlton, it is hoped, will revive the Republic, while the north is riding a crest following their second successive qualification for the finals. The English at one time were reluctant to travel to Belfast, but the ice was broken when Jimmy Hill took over an invitation international team including Bobby Charlton. The Scots still, surprisingly, make a fuss about going. Another of the anomalies of Irish sport is to be found with Derry City, who withdrew from the Irish League in the early days of the troubles to join the League Of Ireland (Republican), and enjoy crowds of 10,000. Their board of directors has a prominent Protestant.

David Miller

ATHLETICS

Turner's attack exposes flaws

By Pat Butcher
Athletics Correspondent

The only time that the rival factions in British athletics administration join forces is to refute criticism that they are still so far apart. There has been a certain amount of amalgamation of the British Amateur Athletic Board and the Amateur Athletic Association, in order to administer the huge sums of money coming in to the sport.

However, officials of both organizations adopted a strong defensive attack yesterday towards Mike Turner's criticism of fixture clashes, when the team was announced for the UK v Soviet Union match at Cosford next Tuesday. That match comes only two days after the European indoor championships in Madrid and it will be a surprise if the 10, out of the team of 20 for Madrid, who have also agreed to compete in the match against the Soviet Union, will be fit to do so after an arduous weekend.

Yet there was little said yesterday that stood up to Turner's assessment, as team manager, that such a clash was the result of "crisis management". Turner's broader criticism was in fact directed towards the continuing polarity of athletics administration in this country.

As a former international athlete, a Cambridge lecturer, and a disinterested party who was author of a report on how British athletics administration should be amalgamated, Turner is a more than welcome addition to that administration. In the wake of his report, he was appointed BAAB treasurer. Yet he now sees a similar report to the one that he prepared for the AAA being undertaken for the BAAB by Dr Bill Evans, the former chairman.

The contention of Nigel Cooper, the BAAB secretary, that Evans's investigation was "looking into specifics", does not really stand up to Turner's inference that this is further time-wasting. The money being wasted on such ventures could be better spent on athletes such as Linford Christie, the national indoor 200 metres champion, who is to compete both in Madrid and Cosford.

As Sebastian Coe pointed out recently, there is no way, with the money coming into the sport, that any British international should be found wanting for finance. Yet, in pursuit of his sporting goals, Christie has given up his job as a clerical officer and his only current income is from the dole.

UK TEAM (v Soviet Union): Men: 60 metres: C Callender (Haringey), H King (Bracknell); 200m: L Christie (Thames Valley Harriers), J Regis (Belgrave); 400m: M Robertson (Wolves), B Whittle (Ayr); 800m: R Harrison (Liverpool), T Morrell (Wolves); 1500m: M Kirk (Ballymena), M Scrutton (Sale); 3000m: S Binns (Bingl), B Dee (Luton); 60m hurdles: S Beckeridge (Birchfield), C Jackson (Cardiff); High jump: C Alcindor (Birchfield), G Parsons (London AC); Pole vault: A Ashurst (Sale), B Davey (Shaftesbury); Long jump: D Brown (Longwood), D Costello (Norfolk); Triple jump: F Agyepong (Shaftesbury), C Duncan (Edinburgh Southern Harriers); Shot: B Cole (Thurrock) G Savory (Blackheath); Hammer: M Girvan (Wolves), D Smith (Hull). (The hammer takes place at Aldersley Stadium, Wolverhampton).

Women: 60m: P Dunn (Stretford), H Miles (Cardiff); 200m: C Smart (Cardiff), P Watt (Wolves); 400m: A Piggford (Gateshead), C Whitehurst (Stretford); 800m: H Thorpe (Ashford); 3000m: C Boxer (Aldershot, Farnham and District), K Carter (Sale); 60m hurdles: L Roper (Hallamshire); High jump: D Davies (Leicester), C Sutherland (Wolves); Long jump: M Berkeley (Croydon),G Regan (Cardiff); Shot: M Augee (Cambridge), S Smith (Essex).

RACING

Contributions from breeders' fund will exceed £1m

By Michael Phillips

Racing in Great Britain will benefit to the extent of over £1m this year from the British part of the European Breeders' Fund, according to statistics just released by Sam Sheppard, the secretary of the fund. This is well over three times as much as that contributed to the sport by any commercial sponsor.

During the 1986 Flat season, the British European Breeders' Fund will contribute £519,150 in prize money. Of that £386,150 will go to the 214 EBF two-year-old races and the remainder to 65 selected weight-for-age races and 8 pattern or listed races. A further £207,862 has been allocated to breeders' prizes by the fund, which will also contribute £94,000 in owners' premiums.

With £100,000 in prize money already being given to National Hunt racing and breeders' prizes, in addition to a substantial grant to veterinary research, the total provided by the British EBF will top the £1m mark.

Racing in Ireland and France has also derived worthwhile benefits from the EBF since 1984 while Italy and Germany have recently joined the scheme and will become full participants in 1988.

As a way of generating self-help from within the industry, the scheme is hard to fault. Each stallion owner or syndicate pays the average value of nominations sold in a year into the fund and this qualifies all progeny of that stallion, conceived in the year in which the payment is made, of that stallion for the EBF races and other benefits as well as the Breeder's Cup series in America.

While it is fair to say that the racing industries of the respective countries should be indebted to those stallion owners who have supported the EBF throughout, it is also right to point out that that particular area of the market had become awash with money as prices became more and more inflated and that it was the right source to tap.

Nineteen Shillings to prove excellent value

From our Irish Racing Correspondent

Few if any of the racecourse executives in Ireland can match the enthusiasm of those connected with Downpatrick. For years its future looked in doubt but now things are coming right and this afternoon's programme has been entirely sponsored with the Lambourn trainer, David Murray-Smith, putting on a race named after last year's Irish Grand National winner Rhyme 'n' Reason. The Downpatrick connection stems from the fact that the horse was bred close to the course by Mrs Jeremy Maxwell.

The Rhyme 'n' Reason flat race is confined to maiden four-year-olds, few of whom have yet raced. One exception is Monture who was knocked over first time out at Leopardstown and then came on to Naas to finish fifth of 20 to Raise Your Hand. This was clearly a well-contested event and the runner-up, Belsir, made easy work of winning a similar sort of event at Leopardstown on Monday.

Top billing today goes to the Ulster Harp Lager National, a race remembered by some as providing the launching pad for one of Aintree's biggest post-war surprises, the 100-1 Grand National winner, Caughoo.

It is unlikely that we will see a future Liverpool winner in action but Willie Rooney boasts a useful and still lightly-weighted handicapper in Nineteen Shillings. The mount this afternoon goes to Willie's daughter, Ann Ferris, who was previously successful in this event on Bentom Boy.

Gangabal has made the long journey from co Limerick to co Down to contest the novice chase and if reproducing his Limerick form at Christmas when third to the smart Boyneside, he should have no problems against such as Markree Castle.

SELECTIONS: 2.30 Ballycrum. 3.0 Sweet Camden. 3.30 Nineteen Shillings. 4.0 Farnlegair. 4.30 Gangabal. 5.0 Montoro.

● Dawn Run will have a maximum of 10 opponents, all novices, in the £8,000 Diners Club Chase at Punchestown on Saturday.

Irish keep the show moving

Only the Irish meeting at Downpatrick keeps the racing flag flying today - both Catterick and Warwick were called off on Monday. Tomorrow also looks likely to be a blank day in Britain with Wincanton an early casualty yesterday and the meeting at Folkestone dependent on a 9am inspection today. A course spokesman yesterday rated the prospects as "not very good".

The outlook for Friday looks equally bleak with the stewards inspecting Southwell at 2.30 today (course frozen) and a noon inspection scheduled at Kempton (little snow but track frozen).

Ireland could again come to the rescue tomorrow when a meeting is planned for Thurles.

DOWNPATRICK

Going: good

2.30 PARGATE SAND & GRAVEL OPPORTUNITY MAIDEN HURDLE (£690: 2m 1f 172yd)(17 runners)

1		221	BALLYCRUM W Rock 6 12 0	N Byrne
2		FP	DECOY JACK M Cunningham 7 12 0	
3		000	HOMEPATH J N Scott 6 12 0	P P Kinane (4)
4		030	CAILIN CAINNTEACH M Hourigan 6 11 11 (bl)	G Kilfeather (4)
5			CLEVER CANDY J O'Shea 6 11 8	K Burgess (4)
6		000	INDIAN PONY P Henley 7 11 8	I McGeever
7		024	JOLLY MARINER F J Lacy 6 11 6	M Davey (4)
8		P00	MOU-DAFA R Coonan 6 11 6	S Doyle (4)
9		000	MUSHROOM EXPRESS J F C Maxwell 7 11 6	
11		00	TARAWAY GAYLE J W Boyers 6 11 6	S Reilly
12		200	GLORY HUNTER J G Groome 6 11 3	P McCormack
13		0	GREENODD W Rock 6 11 3	
14		044	LINDA'S PET N Cassidy 6 11 3	P J Farrell (4)
15		000	RISING FAIR S A Kirk 7 11 3	R McGlinchey (2)
16		022	SHULAVOGUE F Flood 7 11 3	K B Walsh (4)
17		000	SWAP FASHION Mrs B McKeever 6 11 3	

9-4 Ballycrum, 3-1 Shulavogue, 5-1 Jolly Mariner, 6-1 Homepath, 8-1 Glory Hunter & Indian Pony, 10-1 Linda's Pet, 14-1 others

3.0 BEECOM MAIDEN HURDLE (£414: 2m 1f 172yd)(17)

1		.010	CASTLEVENNON J F C Maxwell 5 11 11	Mr P Verling (7)
2		1FP	QUARRY MACHINE P Mulvenna 5 11 11	Mr M Weir (7)
3		000	WELSH QUAY P Griffin 5 11 11 (bl)	P Connell
4		000	DEER DANCE R S Martin 5 11 6	Mr R S Martin
5		444	MICKEY MARLEY I R Ferguson 5 11 6	Mr P F Graffin (3)
6		00	THE TILER G Stewart 5 11 6	P Clarke
7		020	AVOTEX W E Rooney 5 11 3	P Gill
8		000	HEATHERS DELIGHT O Finnegan 5 11 3	N Byrne (3)
9		0	RATHLINE T O'Neill 5 11 3	T O'Neill (3)
10			TENPENNY LUCK Mrs B McKeever 5 11 3	G McGivern (7)
11		P43	SWEET CAMDEN W Rock 4 11 2	F Berry
12		000	LINE OF GOLD M Cunningham 4 11 0	K Morgan
13		000	LOHUNDA LAD E Lynam 4 11 0	
14		00	NEW INN EXPRESS L T Reilly 4 11 0	S Reilly (3)
15		000	AXXON TORNEDO B Malone 4 10 11	T McGivern
16		0P0	RISE AGAIN J G Groome 4 10 11	Mr J G Groome (7)
17		000	STOP ON BLUE B V Kelly 4 10 11	P Leech

7-4 Sweet Camden, 4-1 Avotex, 5-1 Welsh Quay, 6-1 Mickey Marley, 8-1 Castlevennon, Quarry Machine, 10-1 Lohunda Lad, 12-1 Axxon Tornedo, 16-1 others.

3.30 ULSTER HARP LAGER NATIONAL EXTENDED HANDICAP CHASE (£1,380: 3m)(14)

1		040	BRAES O'TULLY W Rock 11 12 0	B Sheridan
2		222	FORTUNE SEEKER J R Cox 11 11 8	J Shortt
3		1P0	RANDOM SELECT W Rock 8 11 6	K B Walsh (7)
4		2P0	DEAN HILL O Finnegan 10 11 1	H Rogers
5		420	AMBER WINE I R Ferguson 9 10 9	P G Hynes
6		PF0	YOUNG BLOOD S A Kirk 7 10 9	G McGlinchey
7		331	ANDROY W E Rooney 7 10 8 (1lb ex)	M Sleator
8		440	BRIAN'S BUCK M Cunningham 8 10 8	P Leech
9		033	OUR CLOUD M McCausland 10 10 8	J P Byrne
10		01P	ALLENROID R B Kidd 7 10 5	
11		03R	CAMERAGH LAD M Hourigan 6 10 5 bl	K F O'Brien
12		122	NINETEEN SHILLINGS W E Rooney 7 10 3	P Gill
13		00	COPPER DON S Shields 9 9 10	
14		4R1	LADY MEARLANE T O'Neill 6 9 7	T O'Neill (3)

3-1 Fortune Seeker, 7-2 Androy, 5-1 Nineteen Shillings, 6-1 Amber Wine, 8-1 Brian's Buck & Our Cloud, 10-1 Braes O'Tully & Lady Mearlane, 14-1 others

4.0 FUEL SERVICES (N.I.) HUNTERS CHASE (£345: 3m) (8)

1		1-	CAPTAIN BATNAC J Stirling 8 12 4	Mr D H O'Connor (3)
2			FERNIEGAIR Mrs B Hamilton 11 12 4	Mr F G Fitzsimmons (7)
3			122- GLENTAB W Patton 10 12 4	Mr J R Patton (7)
4			13-F LE BAMBINO M Cunningham 9 12 4	Mr A J Martin
5		P	BLINKYBILL T D Osborne 11 11 13	Mr P Larkin (3)
6			CANTAGALE J Stirling 10 11 13	Mr P Verling (7)
7			ORSETELLO T McIlnagga 9 11 13	Mr P F Graffin (3)
8			024- WOLITICO A Murdoch 11 11 13	Mr A Murdock (7)

15-8 Le Bambino, 3-1 Glentab, 5-1 Captain Batnac, 7-1 Wolitico, 10-1 others

4.30 MAJOR CORBETT MEM E.B.F. MARES NOVICE CHASE (£1,600: 2m 2f) (11)

1		00	BUCKS ENDS N T Chance 9 11 8	A Powell
2		33	GANGABAL M Hourigan 6 11 8 bl	K F O'Brien
3		13	MARKREE CASTLE A L T Moore 7 11 8	P G Hynes
4		0	LAURIE O JOLLEY 8 11 8	Mr P J Cuffy (7)
5		00	ORLITA P Mooney 7 11 8	P Mooney
6			PAPADRIM J R Cox 9 11 8	J Shortt
7		029	REGAL SANTA F Oakes 6 11 8	C O'Dwyer
8		000	ROCINDO W Newman 6 11 8	H Rogers
9		01P	SHE'S A MODEL P A McCartan 6 11 8	P Leech
10		000	STRONG SPIRIT M McCausland 6 11 8	J P Byrne
11		00	WINKY STARR A D Evans 8 11 8	Mr A D Evans (7)

9-4 Markree Castle, 11-4 Gangabal, 5-1 Regal Santa, 6-1 She's A Model, 8-1 Orlita, 10-1 Rocindo, 12-1 others.

5.00 RHYME 'N REASON 4YO FLAT RACE (£414: 2m 1f)(15)

1			BUTTON YOUR LIP J R Cox 11 9	Miss A McDowell (7)
2		00	CASTLE LIFE D McNeilly 11 9	Mr M McNeilly (7)
3			EQUALITY E Lynam 11 9	
4		0	EUROPAPER D McBratney 11 9	Mr C A McBratney (7)
5		50	MONTORO MISS S Finn 11 9	Mr A J Martin
6			ROYAL DAN F Oakes 11 9	Mr J A Berry (7)
7		00	SHABRA BOY P O'Brady 11 9	Mr D H O'Connor (3)
8			UPTON LAD M Hourigan 11 9	Mr C P Magnier
9			ASINNARA B Malone 11 6	Mr J P Dempsey (3)
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BOBSLEIGHING

Britain's injury setbacks

By Chris Moore

Britain's team, led by the World Cup combination bronze medal winner, Nick Phipps, are in the wars on the eve of the world championships at Konigsee, West Germany.

Phipps took only his first practice run yesterday before returning to his sick bed suffering all the symptoms of flu. His brakeman, Alan Cearns, who missed last weekend's World Cup four-man race in Lake Placid because of a neck injury, has fully recovered, but Britain's no. 2 driver, Tom De La Hunty, and his brakeman, Keith Power, ended up in hospital yesterday and are both out of the two-man competition.

De La Hunty, a PT instructor in the RAF, who is stationed in West Germany, overturned on his opening run and had to be carried away on a stretcher with shoulder and rib injuries. He had already broken a bone in the same shoulder when he crashed in Lake Placid last week, and in addition to popping a rib cartilage yesterday, also needed five stitches in a cut arm.

Power, a member of Phipps's four-man crew, was deputizing for De La Hunty's regular brakeman, John Edwards, who is also down with flu. Power broke two fingers in his left hand and, with his arm in plaster, will take no further part in the championships.

Wolfgang Hoppe and his brakeman, Dietmar Schauerhammer, have to be the men to beat after completing their collection of major medals with the European title in Igls. Hoppe is the reigning world champion, having won the crown in Cervinia last year, and also holds the Olympic two-man and four-man titles from the 1984 Winter Games in Sarajevo.

But there can be no repeat of the East Germans' first three places in Igls when Bernhard Lehmann took the European silver and Detlef Richter the bronze. Only two teams from each nation compete in the world event, so the bronze medal, at least, will be under contention this weekend.

It is 11 years since any country other than East Germany and Switzerland won the world two-man gold medal. Erich Scharer, Switzerland's world champion in 1978, 1979 and 1982, and winner of the Olympic title in 1980, has perhaps the biggest incentive to challenge Hoppe and company in Konigsee. If he sticks to his plans this will be his last major championship before he retires.

HOCKEY

British men to show the world a united front

By Sydney Friskin

The management committee of the Hockey Association, the controlling body for the game in England, have voted for the participation of a Great Britain rather than an England team in future World Cup competitions. At present the three constituent members of the Great Britain Hockey Board, England, Wales and Scotland, take part separately in World Cup and European Cup tournaments and once in four years play as one team in the Olympic Games.

The new proposal is for the formation of a Great Britain Men's Hockey Association for the purpose of playing as one team in the World Cup, the Olympic Games, the Intercontinental Cup and the Champions' Trophy tournament. It will be put before the council of the Hockey Association.

The Hockey Association have given their support to the appearance of the Great Britain team in the eighth Champions' Trophy tournament at Karachi from April 4 to 11 this year and the ninth Champions' Trophy tournament at Amsterdam in June, 1987.

● Exeter, the holders, qualified to meet Loughborough in the final of the Universities Athletic Union final after beating Southampton on penalty strokes at Bisham Abbey yesterday. The score at full time was 2-2.

MOTOR RALLYING

Clash of the Finns and the Britons

British and Finnish drivers are due to meet in what promises to be one of the closest National Breakdown Rally contests in recent times. Heading their countries' challenge when the 780-mile rally starts in Bradford on Friday evening will be the two top seeds, Hannu Mikkola and Russell Brookes.

Brookes is the reigning Shell Oils RAC Open Rally champion and will be hoping his Opel Manta gives him a sound start in this first event of this year's championship; but Mikkola, who has already won this rally three times, must start as favourite in his four-wheel drive a 500 bhp SI Audi Quattro.

Perhaps the strongest British challenge could come from the Welshman, David Llewellin.

YACHTING

Tabarly one mile short of leaders

Perth - The troubled Belgian Maxi racer, Côte D'Or, has recovered from whatever problem it was that was slowing her down earlier this week (Barry Pickthall writes). Yesterday the 82-foot yacht, skippered by Eric Tabarly, covered more ground than any other boat in the Whitbread round the world race fleet. She sailed to within one mile of the boat which is now in front, Pierre Fehlmann's UBS Switzerland.

Côte D'Or, which suffered structural damage on both previous legs of the 27,000-mile race, averaged 11½ knots to achieve her second place - one knot faster than Lion New Zealand, the previous leader, which has now dropped back to fifth place.

Julie Rose memorial

Geoff Parsons, the British high jump record holder, and Steve Heard are among a group of leading east Kent athletes supporting a plan to commemorate Julie Rose by the provision of a public running track in her home town of Ashford.

Miss Rose, who was aged 21, died last November in an air crash in Iowa. A British indoor international at 17 and three times English schools 1500 metres champion, she was on an athletics scholarship inspired partly by lack of facilities in east Kent.

Building bigger and better for Britain

"In my not too humble opinion," Lieut-Colonel Frank Weldon said, "what you have to do is not make a fence that a horse can't jump but make one that gets the rider thinking." Weldon, director and course designer of Badminton horse trials, the world's most famous three-day event, added: "Or, to put it another way, to frighten the wits out of the riders without injuring a horse on the day."

For 20 years he has done just that. Each year riders return in gloom from walking the course at Badminton declaring some new Weldon masterpiece to be unjumpable (last year it was the Fairbanks Bounce). It never is, but the intimidation policy always works. Last year Karen Stives, the American Olympic team gold medal winner, competed in her first Badminton. Reports and hearsay had already given her a healthy respect for the event but after seeing the cross-country, she declared it "the most serious course" she had ever encountered and proceeded to ride each fence as if waiting for it to attack her.

However, the awe which Badminton has traditionally inspired since its first running in 1949 was wearing thin when Weldon took over the reins in 1965 at the request of the present Duke of Beaufort (two years later Weldon became director as well as course designer). In the early 1960s British eventing was going through a lean period with no team victories and a falling standard at home. The course at Badminton became smaller each year to match the lower standard of competitors and there was a corresponding drop in attendance figures. Weldon set himself two targets: to design a course that would give the British the best chance of winning abroad and to make it exciting for spectators. Both aims, he knew, depended on the strength of the cross-country.

"When it came to designing the course, by far my most valuable asset was the fact that I had seen so many courses abroad," Weldon explained. His experience had been gained through his roles as chef d'equipe, judge, technical delegate and, above all, rider. He was 40 when he rode in his first three-day event — a visiting general to the King's Troop where Weldon was commanding officer, suggested that he should have a crack at Badminton. At that time his sporting activities were directed entirely to racing and all that the word badminton conveyed was "a high net and a thing with feathers on that you hit with a racket." The following year (1952) saw him and two subalterns at Badminton. It was not a propitious start. "The boys finished well but I ended up in Tetbury Cottage Hospital."

Luck changed with the purchase of the magnificent Kilbarry, bought initially to race but, after being hobdayed, diverted to eventing. The pair were members of four European Championship gold medal teams (1953-55 and 1957). In 1954 they were runners-up at Badminton and in 1955 a year's leave from the army enabled him to concentrate entirely on eventing. The pair were unbeaten that year. Then the final accolade. With Bertie Hill (Countryman III) and Laurence Rook (Wild Venture), they won the Olympic team gold medal at Stockholm in 1956 and Weldon took the individual bronze.



Weldon: high standards

While competing abroad Weldon was faced with increasingly stiffer, better designed courses than those at home. This began to give him and the other British riders a disadvantage psychologically. It also gave Weldon a guiding principle when he came to design courses. "I was determined that never again should competitors go abroad and suffer the intense inferiority complex which I did."

In his first year at Badminton he built bigger, more imposing obstacles and, thinking of the public, he put groups of fences close together. The Willis Brothers, of Marlborough, constructed the fences (and still do). Alan Willis and Gilbert Thornbury are the two builders. "I literally couldn't do without them," Weldon remarked.

In planning the course, Weldon refused to be hidebound by the convention that it should be smaller the year after the Olympics and gradually get bigger over the next four years. "You've got to gear the course to the standard of the competitor." Even with the sophisticated qualifications Badminton requires, this is not always easy. "You know the top but not the bottom standard. A horse that has qualified in an advanced one-day event in Northumberland is probably not as good as one that's qualified at, say, Gatcombe."

This year he admits grudgingly that, with many of the best horses absent because of the world championships in May, the "general difficulty of the course is probably less." There are four new fences and several drastic variations to existing fences which have kept the builders busy since last September. They have also moved large amounts of earth to create banks and other features. Weldon visits them several times a day. "It's not like designing a showjumping course where the ground is flat and you can do it at home over a glass of whisky and a piece of lined paper. With cross-country you've always got to think of the lie of the land."

The weather is never far from his mind either. Only two events (1966 and 1975) have had to be cancelled in the last 20 years but this is partly due to the thorough preparation which goes on beforehand.

The work and the carefully laid plans have paid off. The dwindling crowds of the early 1960s have multiplied into the 250,000 who attended last year (170,000 on cross-country day) and, although the event costs nearly half a million pounds to stage, last year's profits enabled £100,000 to be sent to the British Horse Society, the sport's national governing body.

When the first horse sets off in April around the course, Weldon will be watching anxiously on the closed circuit television. "It's nice to see the first one get home." Ideally, he likes to see more than 60 per cent finish and admits that last year there were too few finishers.

Weldon does not suffer fools gladly. He gives orders and expects them to be obeyed. His forthright approach and piercing gaze have withered many a reporter at the annual Badminton press conference (he is himself a former equestrian correspondent of the *Sunday Telegraph*); but his military bearing conceals a dry sense of humour. When describing his ideal event horse he said: "It's the blood that counts," adding *sotto voce*, "and in human beings too...". If he annually plumbs the depths of the riders' wits, he is asking no more of them than he has asked of himself throughout his life whether as race rider (he twice won the RA Gold Cup at Sandown), event rider, judge or course designer. His contribution to British eventing may have to wait to be put in its true perspective. Lorna Clarke, when asked about the sport's future, said: "You can't build bigger than Badminton and, when Frank stops, that'll get smaller because no-one else will have the guts to do it."

Jenny MacArthur

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BADMINTON

England must put troubles behind them

From Richard Eaton, Mulheim, West Germany

Nobody should be in any doubt that England have a new and stricter regime. No event underlines that more than the Thomas and Uber Cup European zone campaigns which start here today (Wed) without either Martin Dew or Nora Perry, two of the leading figures in the acquisition of a bronze and silver medal last time.

Despite their absences both England teams should comfortably make the top three who will qualify for the finals in Jakarta in April and May. More important will be the feeling and form of the teams who have two such famous names omitted because they refused to agree to travel with the others to Jakarta. A profound sense of togetherness is now essential if any hopes of further success are to be entertained.

"There are no problems. The spirit is excellent," is the firm view of Jake Downey, the manager who has given the impression during the four and a half months since he has taken over that he is prepared to regard any of the players as dispensible to his long-term plans if they do not fit in. The reality, however, will surely be more complex than he is saying here.

"We have got to forget about the hassle and disagreements," Steve Baddeley, the England no. 1, says. Baddeley was one of those players who got together to request Dew's inclusion irrespective of whether he travelled with the team. "If we can do that OK it will help pull us together. I shall certainly be pulling hard."

Fortunately Baddeley, like most of the squad, is extremely professional. Unfortunately both he and Helen Troke, the European champion, went down with infections at the weekend while playing at the Poona tournament in Belgium. The rest of the squad were involved in Thomas and Uber Cup practices. These two may well now miss the first three days of the campaign and at best they will travel separately to Mulheim tomorrow.

This means the fitness of England's two leading singles players may still be in doubt when it comes to the probable contests against Sweden and Denmark on Saturday and Sunday. Defeats here would not prevent England from qualifying but would effect seedings in Jakarta. Furthermore, they would confirm the uncomfortable feeling that the balance of European power has swung strongly away from England towards their arch-enemies, the Danes.

Frankly it is hard to see England overcoming a Danish men's team containing Morten Frost, possibly still the world's best singles player, and also two fine doubles players in Kjeldsen and Christiansen, the All-England finalists, and Fladberg and Heledie, the former world champions. Young Chris Dobson is expected to replace Dew.

The women by contrast have realistic chances of beating the Danes, although much will depend on Troke being fit.



Baddeley: determined

RUGBY UNION

Students combine against French

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

Francis Clough, the new captain of Cambridge University, will lead the first combined English students side against the French students at Bath next Tuesday evening. Clough, the England squad centre, will have five of his university colleagues with him, among them the two internationals, Simms and Bailey.

This is the first occasion that a side has been chosen covering all the different areas of student rugby. Previously each tended to operate in a vacuum with Oxford and Cambridge in particular shunning contact with other's student bodies; however, at last year's annual meeting of the Rugby Football Union, Budge Rogers was invited to co-ordinate the different areas in an effort to produce one fully represented side.

Rogers, the former chairman of the England selectors, chaired a student selection committee in which Ian George, their new coach, represented Oxford: Pat Briggs, the former England Under-23 coach, represented Cambridge; while John Robins and Mike Titcomb looked after the interests of colleges, polytechnics, the University Athletic Union and London University.

The upshot of their discussions is a side including six from Cambridge, one from Oxford (1 point winners of the university match last December) two from Loughborough University, current holders of the UAU title, one from London University, three from polytechnics and two from other universities.

There is considerable first-class experience throughout the side, in the threequarters and all three rows of the pack where Ward, the Nottingham club prop, Edwards, the Rosslyn Park lock and his club colleague Mantel, on the flank, join Slack, the Blackheath no. 8. Slack has also played for Cumbria in the county championship while another northerner, Nelson-Williams, appears on the right wing after making an impact for Durham this season.

"The side was picked purely on merit, not in an effort to balance the different sectors," Brian McLellan, administrative secretary to the students, said yesterday. The continuing rise of the polytechnics is reflected by their representation though it is worth remembering that when England students played Wales last season, the two sides included 17 polytechnic players.

Several members of the side will challenge for places in England's Under-23 squad this season. The combined students train together over the weekend of March 16 to 18 before playing the Welsh students on March 26 at Cambridge and their successful players may find a place in the Under-23 team coached by Des Seabrook, which plays Spain at Twickenham on April 9. The French after playing at Bath are due to visit Wales for a game on February 28 against Welsh students at Bridgend.

● John Hall, the Bath and England flanker, had an operation on Monday evening to pin the bone in his thumb broken early in Saturday's international at Murrayfield. His absence over the next couple of months will be a blow not only to England but to Bath, the John Player Special cup holders, whose quarter-final against London Welsh is due this Saturday.

Bath will therefore be pleased that Spurrell, their former captain, has recovered from rib injuries which prevented his appearance in the cup win over Moseley. He appears against the Welsh in conjunction with Egerton and Simpson while Chilcott - another England contender - plays at loose-head prop.

Sole, Bath's Scottish prop who broke his nose against Moseley, will miss the rest of the season and will be unable to play for the Barbarians against East Midlands on March 5. Bath have also dropped Trick, their former England right wing, and replaced him with another international, Swift.

Leicester have selected Underwood, the injured England left wing for their postponed fourth-round tie at Broughton Park. Underwood withdrew from the side that played against Scotland because of strained tendons and will have to play this Saturday to prove his fitness if he is to win consideration for the England side to play Ireland at Twickenham on March 1.

COMBINED ENGLAND STUDENTS: J Webb (Bristol University), R Melvor-Williams (South Bank Polytechnic), K Simms (Cambridge University), F Clough (Cambridge University, captain), M Bailey (Cambridge University); A Sutton (Loughborough University), M Hancock (Loughborough University); N Herrod (Cambridge University), P Combe (Cambridge University), J Ward (Nottingham University), T Melvin (Oxford University), N Edwards (Oxford Polytechnic), S O'Leary (Cambridge University), C Mantel (Thames Polytechnic), S Slack (London University).

Replacements: C Howard (Loughborough University); A Johnson (Oxford University), R Moon (Wolverhampton Polytechnic), V Obuoh (Birmingham University), R Glynn (Oxford University), T Edbrooke (Exeter University).

The missing pictures

The Scottish Rugby Union, in common with England and Wales, now have new premises from which to administer the game following the completion of an additional wing at Murrayfield (David Hands writes). Several of the new offices were ready by the time Scotland played France in January and nearly all were fully functional before last Saturday's Calcutta Cup match.

The SRU are also building a library and museum, designed to include mementoes from every club in membership. They are seeking the best possible pictorial display and are appealing for a series of missing team photographs from between 1872 and 1913 and international ground photographs depicting games at Hamilton Crescent, Glasgow and New Hampden Park, Glasgow. The only missing secretary from their display is A. R. Stewart (Edinburgh Wanderers) who held office in 1875-79.

Bill Hogg, the SRU secretary, intends to use the new premises for referees and coaches conferences as well as for committee meetings and the annual meeting.

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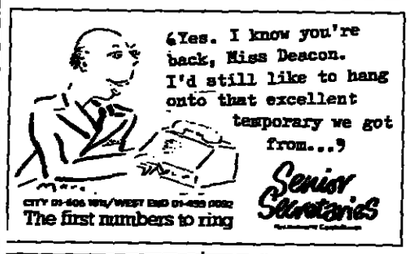
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■ **A house which may have assisted Admiral Domett and his superiors is for sale at Lymington, Hampshire. Pressegang Cottage, off the Old Quay, dates from the early 18th century and was reputedly part of the Harlequin Inn, where many sailors were invited to join Nelson's navy. The modernized cottage has three bedrooms, large reception room, cellar and small walled garden. Jackson and Jackson of Lymington are asking £72,500-plus.**

Danish devilry

■ Flemings Hall, Eye, Suffolk, stands on the site of reputedly the final stronghold of Edmund, the last Saxon king of England, who was murdered by the Danes in 807 AD. The estate was owned by the Bedingfield family for 900 years, and the present house was begun in the 13th century, with additions in 1550 and at the end of the 16th century. The hall is at the centre of a defensive fortified moat system and is in a remarkable state of repair, retaining original beams and 13th-century doormarks. It is being regraded to Grade I. Accommodation includes five reception rooms and eight bedrooms, and there is a staff cottage. The grounds of about five acres contain the Saxon moat and a fish pond. Knight Frank & Rutley seek £300,000-plus.

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Northgate House at Bury St Edmonds, Suffolk, a Grade I listed building, is the principal property in a group of town houses near the cathedral. Dating partly from medieval times, there is evidence of 15th-16th century timber work in the roof. The front now has an imposing Georgian facade and the rear a Queen Anne elevation. The house, once the family home of the late Nora Lofts, historical writer and author, has a reception hall, two main reception rooms, sitting room and six bedrooms. There are also two self-contained flats, and the house stands in about half an acre. Savills of Cambridge and Rutters of Bury St Edmonds are asking £175,000.

Return of single tenants

By Christopher Warman
Property Correspondent

Companies and diplomats continue to dominate the upper reaches of the London letting market but there are signs of a swing towards individual lettings, according to a survey by Ironsides Residential Rental Properties published today.

It is not surprising, given their bigger resources, that companies, banks and diplomatic missions should take up a large proportion of rented properties in the more expensive parts of the capital, but that situation has been emphasized by the reluctance of landlords to let to private individuals because – in theory at least – corporate bodies are more certain payers and landlords can expect to get their property back more easily.

The figures in this third survey by Ironsides show a steady increase in demand from diplomats since 1983, but the report notes that the market is still unsure how to treat the problems of diplomatic immunity – the example of a middle-eastern diplomat who would not move fresh in their minds.

Ironsides suggest it would be in the interests of individual diplomats either to waive their immunity where it affects rental agreements or persuade their governments to sign normal commercial contracts on their behalf. This would give diplomats a far wider choice of properties in a "suspicious" market.

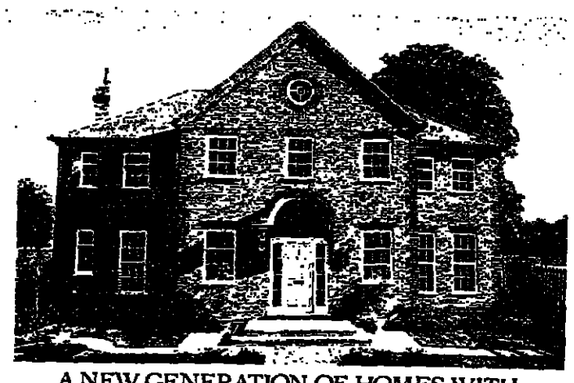
One of the trends plotted in the last three years is the swing to letting to private individuals rather than an insistence on company lets.Seventeen per cent of the landlords taking part in the survey said they were prepared to accept private individuals as tenants, the result – Ironsides conclude – of the Pocock and Steel case which demonstrated that the courts do protect private owner/occupier landlords.

Further evidence of this swing is shown in the table of landlords' concerns before letting. a total of 32 per cent now concern themselves with the 'quality of the tenant', ahead of other considerations such as payment (22 per cent) and vacation of the premises (29 per cent).

The survey also shows that there is a marked increase in the number of long lets of three years or more. These lettings are in prime properties with higher specifications. Supporting this trend are answers from tenants who demand certain requirements such as proximity to schools, the Underground and the need for 'off-street parking. Ironsides believe that longer stays will reduce the turnover in the market, which in turn should produce more price stability. Another effect, however, is that fewer than two-thirds of potential tenants are finding that the London market provides suitable properties as their requirements for a longer stay grow more stringent.

Three years ago, 83 per cent of tenants found the range of accommodation available suitable, compared with only 59 per cent this year. The difficulty is compounded by the fact that landlords prefer to let furnished or partly furnished property. For those potential tenants from countries including America and France, where unfurnished letting is usual, it creates the problem of either storing their own or their landlord's furniture.

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EBERHARDT - On 11th February at St. Peter's Hospital Chertsey, to Mariagrazia (nee Saliba) and Stephen, a son Christopher James.

ELDER - On February 15th, 1986 to Diana (nee Robinson) and Ian, a son, David Francis, a brother for Claire.

EVERETT - to Trisha and Toby, a daughter, born on 14th February 1986.

GAYNER - On February 15th 1986 to Cathy and Richard, a son, a birthday present for his father.

HENEAGE - On February 17th to Louise (née Milne) and Robert, a son.

HUMFREY - On 17th February 1986 at St Thomas' Hospital, London, to Emma (née French) and Charles, a son.

LEWIS - On 3rd February, to Barbara (née Grodecki) and Stephen, a daughter (Philippa Rhiannon Grodecka).

O'MAHONY - On the 12th of February, to Philippa (née Shaw) and Simon, a son, Dominic Alexander.

PALMER on February 15th to Jacqueline (née Rouse) and Christopher, a son, Joshua Tristram Antony, a brother for Henry.

PEARSON - On February 4th at St. Luke's Hospital Guildford, to Sue (née Brookes) and Henry, a son, James William Arthur.

PORTER On 6th February at Wantage, to Georgina (nee Hill) wife of Leslie Porter, a daughter Annabel Frances Hannah Sloane, a sister to Edward and Alastair.

SLATER - On 17th February at The West Middlesex Hospital to Sarah and Mark, a daughter Hannah Charlotte, both are very well.

VAULKHARD - On February 17th at Nairobi, Kenya to Libby and Tim a son.

WILSON To Victoria (née Richardson) and Anthony, on 15th February 1986, a daughter, a sister to Charles and Camilla.

DEATHS

ANDREWS On Thursday 13th February, passed away after a short illness Frederick William Thomas Andrews D.F.C., aged 71, of Husseywell Crescent, Hayes, Bromley, Kent. Will those who will miss him please meet at Hayes Parish Church 12.00 noon 24th February for remembrance.

BARTON On Monday 17th February at Evendine House, Colwall, Blanche Halt, aged 97, widow of Alan Hastings Crossley and John Feddon Barton, beloved mother, grandmother and great grandmother. Funeral service at the Church of St. Lawrence, Weston-under-Penyard on Monday 24th February at 12 noon. No mourning to be worn. Cut flowers please to B. Hawcutt, F.D. Telephone Ledbury 2084.

BATE on Saturday 15th February 1986, peacefully in Cheltenham Constance Mabel Frances (May), widow of Leonard and mother of the late Rosemary, beloved grandmother of Christopher and John, and the devoted great grandmother of Joseph and Esther. Funeral 2 pm Thursday 20th February at St Philip and St. James' Church, Grafton Rd, Leckhampton, Cheltenham. Cut flowers to Selim Smith, Prestbury Rd., Cheltenham.

BECK - On February 17th 1986, Dr. Heini Beck, aged 85 years, the dear father of Felix and Jorm. Funeral service at Kinson Jewish Cemetery, Bournemouth on Wednesday February 19th at 3 p m. No flowers please. Donations for Cancer Research may be sent c o Head & Wheble, 1A Oxford Road, Bournemouth 21190.

BINDLEY On 16th February peacefully at Cheddon Road Hospital, Taunton, Margaret Elizabeth (Peggie) Bindley, dearly loved wife of the late Herbert Duncombe Bindley. Funeral Private memorial service on a date to be announced later. Family flowers only, but donations may be sent to the Royal National Institute for the Death.

BROCKINGTON On Friday, February 14th, 1986, at Frimley Park Hospital, Camberley, Dr Frank Brockington, aged 86 years, dearly loved husband of Kitty. Private cremation on Monday, February 24th, 3pm, at St John's Crematorium, Woking. Family flowers only, but donations, if desired, to the Cardiac Tapes Appeal, c o Dr Boyd, Frimley Park Hospital, Camberley. A Memorial Service will be held later.

COMBEN - On February 8th at home in Hereford, Iris (Bobbie), widow of Donald A W, mother of John and Donald Robertson, stepmother of Jacqueline.

CROSS - Clara Dunbar, peacefully at her home, on 13th of February 1986, aged 85, Doctor Clara Cross MD MRCP, formerly Consultant Physician of St. Martin's hospital, Bath. Wife of the late Roland Cross of the Cross Manufacturing Company and mother of the late Catherine, Michael and Rodney, grandmother of Peter, Jane, Thomas, Richard, Edward, James, Daniel, Hannah, and Elizabeth. Funeral service 3.15pm, on Friday 21st of February, at St. Philip and St.James, Odd Down, Bath, followed by private cremation. Please no flowers. Donations to The Friends of St. Martin, Midford Rd, Bath.

DALGETY on 13th February, peacefully at Bampton, Oxon, Patricia, widow of Giles and beloved mother of Sheila and Tony, formerly of Madeira.

DARLINGTON on February 16th, suddenly and peacefully at his home in Malvern, Worcestershire, Arnold, dearly loved husband of Daisy and brother of Kathleen Winter. Funeral private.

DRAFFEN - on February 17th 1986 Colonel G W Draffen D.S.O., late The Queen's Bays, 1st The Queen's Dragoon Guards. Dearly loved husband of Barbie and stepfather of Robin. Cremation private. No memorial service by his special wish. Please no letters.

EBERLIE - On February 16th 1986, Dr William Felix, in his 94th year, of Stonegate, Sussex and formerly of Luton and Tenterden. Beloved father, grandfather and great grandfather. Funeral at Stonegate (today) Wednesday February 19th, at 3 pm. Family flowers to C. Waterhouse & Sons, High Street, Burwash, East Sussex.

FIELD - On 16th February peacefully at his home, after a very brave fight against cancer, Dr. Dennis Field, aged 42, dearly loved husband of Barbara and father of Kenneth and Colin. Will be sadly missed by his close family and friends, and the geological community worldwide. Funeral service at St. Giles Church, West Bridgford on Friday 21st February at 2pm, followed by interment at Wilford Hill Cemetery. Please, no flowers by request but donations, if desired, to St. Giles Church P.C.C. c o A.W. Lymn, Robinhood House, Robinhood Street, Nottingham to whom all enquiries should be made.

FITZHERBERT on 17th February 1986 at Swansea, Joan, eldest daughter of the late Godfrey White and Anna Rachel Fitzherbert.

GRAHAM-DIXON On February 15th in his 85th year, suddenly in his Sussex garden, Charles Graham-Dixon QC, beloved husband of the late Dorothy Graham-Dixon, father of Michael and Anthony, grandfather of Francis, Vanessa, Claudia, Andrew and Elizabeth and great-grandfather of Freddie and Charles. Private funeral Friday February 21st. Cut flowers to F Brinkhurst and Son, Homelea, Lingfield Road, East Grinstead. Memorial service in London later.

GRISEWOOD - On 17th February peacefully at Glasgow Royal Infirmary Gabriel Thomas Grisewood. Much loved husband of Olive, brother of Harman and father of Daniel, Alan, Mary Anne, Benjamin and Lucy.

HAMMETT - Elsie Schofield aged 88 years. Peacefully at home beloved of Fred, Kay, Clare and Emma. Cremation at 11 a.m. Tonbridge Wells on Tuesday 25th February. Funeral arrangements R Jarvis, Horam (04353) 2435.

HARRIS On February 17th 1986, peacefully at home, Nancy Margaret, aged 81, widow of W M (Dick) Harris, of Walcombe Manor, Wallington. Funeral Friday Feb 21st, at Oxford Crematorium at 1.00pm.

HICKS. Suddenly on February 14th, Miss Hilda Ruth Hicks, principle of Greenfield School, Woking. Co-founder of the Ockenden Venture. Funeral Christ Church, Woking Wednesday 26th February at 10.30am, afterwards at Greenfield Senior School. Family flowers only. Donations to Greenfield School or The Ockenden Venture.

HIGGINSON - on February 17th 1986, Christine (Tina) De Fontaine, widow of Michael Higginson and dearly loved mother of Hugh and Anna. Funeral Service Stockbridge Church, Hants, on Friday, February 21st at 2 pm. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to Imperial Cancer Research Fund may be sent to A. H. Chealer, Funeral Directors, Romsey.

KEEVIL - Kenneth on 14th February peacefully in hospital after a stroke. Service at Guildford Crematorium at 11.00am on Friday 21st February. Donations, if desired, to Sister Appasamy, Holly Ward, Milford Hospital, Surrey.

KRISHNAMURTI, Jiddu, on 17th February aged 90 at Ojai, California.

LEADER On February 17th 1986, peacefully at Newmarket General Hospital, Aubrey Maurice, aged 79 years, of 11 Fairlawns, Newmarket. Dearly loved father of Mary-Jane. Funeral service takes place Thursday, February 20th at Exning Parish Church at 4pm, followed by cremation at Cambridge. No flowers by request, but donations if wished for Newmarket Hospital League of Friends, may be sent c o F Hammond & Son, Queensberry Road, Newmarket.

LONG On Monday February 17th 1986, peacefully at home, Belinda Catherine Marguerite, aged 18; adored daughter of Jill Peirse and Anthony Long, beloved sister of Nicholas and much loved step-daughter of Dick Peirse and step-sister of Amanda, Susie and Richard. Funeral Service at St. Philips Church, Earls Court Road, London, W.8 on Friday 21st February 1986 at 1 p.m., followed by private cremation. Family flowers only, but donations if wished, to Imperial Cancer Research Fund, Lincolns Inn Fields, W C.2.

LOUSADA On February 14th, Jack Claude (Johnny) died peacefully. Dearly loved husband of Jackie and father of Alexandra. Cremation at the East Chapel, Golders Green Crematorium on Thursday, the 20th of February at 11 50 a.m. Family and close friends. Flowers to the crematorium.

LUNDY On 15th February peacefully in her sleep at home, Gertrude Helen, aged 80, dearly loved mother of Clive and grandmother of Sarah. Funeral service at Putney Vale Cemetery, SW18, on Monday 24th February at 11 15 am. Enquiries, Kenyons, 834 4624.

LUPTON - On 16th February, peacefully, at Camberley, Hilda ("Lottie") Lupton CBE aged 87. Funeral service at All Saints Fulham, 11.00am Monday 24th February, followed by cremation at Putney Vale. Enquiries to Camberley and District Funeral Services (Camberley 33241). Family flowers only; donations, if desired, to Save The Children Fund.

LUPTON - on Sunday February 16th 1986, peacefully in Camberley, Hilda (Lettie) aged 87 years. Funeral service on Monday, February 24th, 11am, at All Saints Church, Fulham, followed by cremation at Putney Vale Crematorium. All enquiries to Camberley & District Funeral Service Ltd. Tel: Camberley 33241.

MALIM - On 15th February, peacefully aged 77, Anthony (Cedr RN retired) formerly of Mayfield, Sussex. Beloved husband of the late Pamela and father of Phillipa and Nicholas. Service Portchester Crematorium, Friday, 21st February at 1 30 p m. Flowers may be sent to M Coghlan Ltd, Westbury Road, Fareham.

MARYON WILSON On February 17th peacefully Gwendoline May (nee Wankivn) aged 85, widow of Reverend John Maryon Wilson, Great Canfield, Dunmow. Funeral at Great Canfield Church 11 30am on Saturday 22nd February. Donations if desired to the St Francis Nursing Home Bocking, Braintree, Essex.

MOLYNEUX-SEEL on 17th February, peacefully at her home at Ludlow, Dorothy Maria, much loved sister of Vera Sandars. Funeral at St. Peters Church, Ludlow at 2.30 pm on Friday 21st February followed by burial at Bromfield. Family flowers only please. Donations if desired to The Little Sisters Of The Poor, Parkfield Avenue, Birkenhead, Nr. Liverpool.

MOODY, Alexis J B (Alex) Much loved and devoted husband of Barbara (Barbie) nee Harvey of Shanley Green. Beloved father of the late Graham and Angela Masterton Smith and grandfather of Peter and Julie. After a long illness at Mount Alvernia Hospital, Guildford. Funeral service on Friday 21st February 1986 at Christ Church, Shanley Green at 3.15pm, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only please, donations if desired to Mount Alvernia Hospital.

NEWMAN On the 15th of February, peacefully in hospital, Julia May Newman, aged 93 years, of Corner Cottage, Lower Woolstone. Funeral Friday, the 21st of February. Service at Woolstone Church 10.30am, followed by interment at All Saints Church, Leigh. Enquires 0793 22797.

NOBLE - peacefully at home, Glasgow, on Saturday 15th February 1986, Ethel Noble, dearly loved wife of the late Sir William Noble and very dear friend of Lilly Andersen and family.

PEIRSE - See LONG

PROCTER - On 15th February 1986 after a short illness, Rosalie Emma Ruth, daughter of the late Lt. Col. W.E. Wingfield, D.S.O., R.A., and Mrs Wingfield, beloved aunt and great-aunt. Funeral service on Saturday 22nd February at St. Saviour's Church, St. George's Square, S.W.1, at 10.30am followed by cremation at Golder's Green West Chapel at 12 noon. Family flowers only, but donations, if desired, to British Heart Foundation or Westminster Theatre Memorial Trust.

RICHARDS - On 13th February, suddenly at Little Yarne, Singleton, Lorna Georgette Hamilton, loved mother of Muff and grandmother of Harriett, Edward and Victoria. Funeral service, Tangmere Church on Monday, 24th Feb at 3 30 pm, followed by cremation. Flowers to Edward White & Son, 5 South Pallant, Chichester. Tel: (0243) 782136.

SCHLICH on February 16th, peacefully at King Edward VII Hospital, Midhurst, Joyce Christabel Moore Schlich, aged 82, widow of W.H. Schlich and mother of Stephen and Robin. Funeral at 2 pm, Friday February 21st at Brookwood Cemetery followed by Service of Remembrance at St. Stephens Church, Shottermill, Haslemere at 3pm. No flowers, but donations to Cancer Research.

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SMITH-SPARK on 12th February 1986 suddenly at home, Henry Gerald. Funeral service on Friday 21st February 1986 at St. Mary's Church, Harrow on the Hill at 3.00 pm followed by cremation at Golders Green Crematorium at 4 20 pm. Enquiries to J A. Massey & Sons at 16-18 Lowlands Rd, Harrow. Tel 01-422 1688.

STEWART - Robert Dickson on February 11th. Former pupil and member of the staff of Bedford School. Funeral took place privately.

SYCAMORE on February 17 1986 suddenly at home, Thomas Andrew Harding CBE aged 78 years of Westfield, near Hastings, Sussex. Beloved husband of Winifred, much loved father of Diana, Adrian and Linda and Grandfather. Funeral service St Johns Church, Westfield, on Monday February 24 at 2.15 p.m. followed by cremation. Family flowers only please but donations if desired for Guide Dogs For The Blind may be sent to A.C. Towner Ltd., Funeral Directors, 2-8 Norman Rd., St Leonards On Sea, East Sussex.

THOMSON Nancy aged 62, peacefully at home 20 Cleaves Drive, Walsingham, Friday 14th February. Formerly of Paddock Vicarage, Huddersfield, dearly loved wife of Father Cyril beloved mother of Paul and John. Reception into Shrine Church of our Lady Tuesday 25th February 4.00pm Funeral Mass there at midday Wednesday 26th. Interment at St Mary's Walsingham. Donations in lieu of flowers to the Bursar for St Joseph's Wing for the Sick and Handicapped at the Shrine. This the only intimation. JESU MERCY MARY PRAY.

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WIGRAM On 16th February 1986, Poppy, beloved wife of Neville, Lord Wigram. Funeral private.

YOUNG - On February 16th, Mary Brigid Young (Dr Mary Wallace) dearly loved wife of Grahame and mother of Patrick and Anna Mary. Peacefully and with dignity after an illness borne with courage. Requiem Mass at St Joseph's Church, Roehampton at 10 a.m. on Friday 21st February followed by private Burial at Birse in Scotland. No Flowers but donations may be sent instead to The Royal Marsden Hospital Cancer Fund, London SW3.

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6.00 **Ceefax AM.**
6.50 **Breakfast Time** with Selina Scott and Nick Ross in the studio and Frank Bough reporting from St Mary's Hospital, Portsmouth. Weather at 6.55, 7.25, 7.55, 8.25 and 8.55; regional news, weather and traffic at 6.57, 7.27, 7.57 and 8.27; national and international news at 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 and 9.00; sport at 7.20 and 8.20; the new Top Twenty at 7.32; and a review of the morning newspapers at 8.37. Plus, Beverly Alt's fashion hints and Alison Mitchell's 'phone-in financial advice. The guest is Patrick Mower.
9.20 **Ceefax 10.30 Play School. 10.50 Gharbar.** This week's magazine programme for Asian women includes a discussion on hobbies. **11.15 Ceefax**
12.30 **News After Noon** with Richard Whitmore and Frances Coverdale, includes news headlines with subtitles **12.55** Regional news and weather.
1.00 **Pebble Mill at One** presented by Paul Cola, Marian Foster and Bob Langley. Sue Hicks begins a new series on fish cookery and there is a song from soul singer Ruby Turner **1.45 Bagpuss.**(r) **2.00 Ceefax 3.52** Regional news
3.55 **The Perishers.**(r) **4.00 The ChuckleHounds.** A new children's series about two furry dogs **4.05 Heathcliff - The Cat.** Adventures of a ginger tom (r) **4.15 Jackanory.** Christopher Guard with part three of Clive King's Stig of the Dump **4.30 Laurel and Hardy.** Cartoon (r) **4.35 You Should Be So Lucky!** The first of a new children's talent and quiz show, presented by Vince Purity, played like a huge board game featuring two teams representing theatre and dance schools from around the country
5.00 **John Craven's Newsround 5.10 Running Scared.** The final episode and Paula has to make the heartbreaking choice between her family and her friend
5.35 **Hospital Watch.** The third day's dramas from Queen Alexandra's and St Mary's Hospitals in Portsmouth, and among them is a lady having her first session of physiotherapy after a hip replacement operation
6.00 **News** with Nicholas Witchell and Andrew Harvey. Weather
6.35 **London Plus**
7.00 **Wogan.** Among Terry's guests this evening are actors Jane How and Bill Fraser, karate expert Jeoff Thompson, with music from Mr Mister
7.40 **No Place Like Home.** Domestic comedy series starring William Gaunt and Patricia Garwood as the parents whose adult children keep returning to the family home with problems and unexpected guests (Ceefax)
8.10 **The Colbys.** Adam Carrington arrives on the scene and does more to jog Fallon's memory than anything tried before.(Ceefax)
9.00 **News** with Julia Somerville and John Humphrys.
9.30 **Q.E.D.-Round Britain Whizz.** This first of a new series covers every inch of Britain's 4,000 mile coastline. With David Bellamy, Clay Jones and Patrick Moore. (Ceefax)
10.00 **Hospital Watch.** A round-up of the day's activities at the Portsmouth hospitals
10.30 **Sportsnight,** introduced by Steve Rider. Highlights from one of tonight's FA Cup Fifth round replays; boxing from the Royal Albert Hall; and, what are the chances of Birmingham staging the 1992 Olympics?
12.10 **Weather**

TV-AM

6.15 **Good Morning Britain** presented by Nick Owen and Anneka Rice.Exercises at6:20; news with Gordon Honeycombe at 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 and 9.00; sport at 6.35 and 7.34; cartoons at 7.24 and 9.02; pop video at 7.55; video review at 8.34; bargain holidays in Portugal at 8.45; Julie Brown interviews Shakin' Stevens at 9.10

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9.25 **Thames news** headlines
9.30 **For Schools:** Chemistry - chemicals from salt **9.52** Maths: counting and capacity **10.04** Children's street and playground games **10.21** How baked beans are manufactured **10.33** English: Part one of Rosa Guy's, The Friends, a story set in Harlem **11.00** Travellers talk about their way of life **11.20** Memories. For the hearing impaired **11.37** Science: keeping cool.
12.00 **Moschops.** Adventures of a young dinosaur (r) **12.10 Our Backyard** (r) **12.30 Wish You Were Here..?** A repeat of Monday's programme in which Judith Chalmers reported from Dawlish and Teignmouth; Anneka Rice began a three week tour of France by train; and Peter Marshall tasted a family villa holiday in Menorca.
1.00 **News at One** with Leonard Parkin **1.20 Thames news 1.30 A Country Practice.** Medical drama series set in a small Australian town.
2.30 **On the Market.** Susan Brooks and Trevor Hyett with advice on the best food buys. The guest cook is David Bellamy **3.00 Gems.** Drama serial set in the Covent Garden workshops of a fashion design company **3.25 Thames news** headlines **3.30 Sons and Daughters.**
4.00 **Moschops.** A repeat of the programme shown at noon **4.10 Bill the Minder** meets a navigator **4.20 The Wall game.** Theatre workshop entertainment provided, this week, by pupils from Ifield Middle School with guest, Pam Ayres. **4.45 The Book Tower.** Among the books Roger McGough reviews today is Maurice Sendak's, Outside Over There (Oracle)
5.00 **Blockbusters.**
5.45 **News** with Michael Nicholson
6.00 **Thames news**
6.25 **Help!** Viv Taylor Gee examines how the voluntary sector can provide support for carers.
6.35 **Crossroads.** Roy discovers what Anne-Marie has been up to.
7.00 **This Is Your Life.** Eamonn Andrews springs an emotional surprise on another unsuspecting worthy.
7.30 **Coronation Street.** Deirdre plays the go-between to her ex-lover and her step-daughter (Oracle)
8.00 **Duty Free.** The final programme of the comedy series about two couples on a package holiday in Spain. (Oracle)
8.30 **Never the Twain.** Simon and Oliver decide to bury the hatchet and go into partnership again. But in whose head is the hatchet buried? (Oracle)
9.00 **Scab,** by Gordon Flemyng and Geoffrey Case. Drama set in a coal mining community during the bitter dispute (see Choice)
10.30 **News** with Alastair Burnet and Pamela Armstrong. Weather, followed by Thames news headlines
11.00 **Midweek Sport Special.** Brian Moore introduces coverage of the semifinals and final of the Blackthorn Masters Darts Championship; and Kevin Keegan with the first of his two reports from Mexico on the build-up to this summer's World Cup
12.25 **Night Thoughts**



Anthony Bate (right).Slaves of Fashion,BBC 2,9.25pm.

● **SCAB** (ITV,9.00pm) might well turn out to be the best play about the 1984-85 miners' strike. We cannot tell until the rest arrive. Between them, Geoffrey Case and Gordon Flemyng have fashioned the first TV drama from the bitter pits dispute. And it is exactly what you would expect it to be: sour and angry. First, the resolve to win, born out of unity. Then, nagging doubts and crumbling resistance. And finally, capitulation, concealed by brass bands and banners.If *Scab* has any hero at all,it is Brian Clarkson (Dicken Ashworth),the miner who thumps on the bus taking scabs to work while reminding the turncoats inside that miners won't always be hungry, but scabs will always be scabs:Messrs Case and Flemyng make effective use of Clarkson to illustrate how circumstances can alter cases and causes.The irony in the choice of *Scab* as a title for tonight's play is vividly externalized in the final shot of Clarkson's wife (fine performance from Barrie Shore) who stands apart from the pretence of a triumphal march by the returning miners.Actual newsreel coverage of the picket-line riots have been skilfully edited into the simulated sequences.

● Coincidentally, tonight's repeated film in the **ALL OUR WORKING LIVES** series (BBC 2,8.00) puts *Scab* into perspective. A history of coal mining in Britain, it reinforces the grim truth of a line in *Scab* spoken by one of the miners: "We're standing firm in quicksand."

● **ARTISTS AND MODELS** (BBC 2,9.25pm),the second portrait in Leslie Megahey's triptych of 19th century French painters, is about Ingres, the immovable Classicist. A complex personality. And Anthony Bate is just the actor to encompass the ambiguities .Some of my colleagues have found Megahey's approach too diffused.Everything is grist to his mill,from ancient silent movies to re-enactments, reminiscences, and microscopic scrutiny of famous canvases.For me,the result is spellbinding.

Peter Davalle

CHOICE

BBC 2

6.55 **Open University:** Dome is What You Make It. Ends at **7.20**
9.00 **Ceefax**
9.38 **Daytime on Two:** science: tracks **10.00** For and four-and five-year olds **10.15** Maths - tracking Venus **10.38** Using CSE maths at work **11.00** Words and pictures **11.17** Using maps and compasses **11.40** Who are the people who make their classmates laugh? **12.10** Part five of David Bellamy's series on trees **12.35** Lesson six of a course for aspiring rock musicians **1.00** For adults studying O-level maths **1.15** Further education: Polys and Colleges **1.38** A river journey to the source of the Severn **2.00** A visit to Elvaston Castle Museum, Derbyshire **2.18** Wairus **2.40** The Earth as a space-ship
3.00 **Ceefax**
5.30 **News summary** with subtitles. Weather
5.35 **Bridge Club.** Improve one's technique with Jeremy Flint and members of Bristol Bridge Club. Introduced by Jeremy James
6.00 **Film: The Big Steal"** (1949) This first in a short Robert Mitchum casts the hero as an army lieutenant, framed for a pay-roll robbery, who chases the real thief across the Mexican countryside together with an assorted cast of characters. With Jane Greer and William Bendix. Directed by Don Siegel
7.10 **100 Great Sporting Moments.** The 1973 Wimbledon men's Singles quarterfinal match between Britain's Roger Taylor and a young Swede, playing in his first Championship, Bjorn Borg
7.30 **Out of Court.** How many sexual molesters go free because the abused child cannot take the trauma of a court inquisition? Is it possible to change the trial procedure?
8.00 **All Our Working Lives.** Part six of the series on Britain at work in the 20th century examines the history of the coal mining industry. With contributions from miners, managers and mine-owners who recall the time when King Coal reigned supreme. (r) (Ceefax)
9.00 **M*A*S*H.** A series of thefts turns the medics into sleuths and when the lot is discovered in Hawkeye's locker everybody thinks that that is the end of the felonies (r)
9.25 **Artists and Models.** This second of three films set in a Paris studio during a hundred years of revolution, recreating the lives of influential artists. This evening, Anthony Bate plays Ingres, a painter who died famous and powerful but out of fashion. (see Choice)
10.50 **Newsnight.** The latest national and international news including extended coverage of one of the main stories of the day
11.35 **Weather**
11.40 **Open University:** Argument on Television **12.05** Freedom and Plenty. Ends at **12.35**

CHANNEL 4

2.30 **Adam Had Four Sons"** (1941) starring Ingrid Bergman. Domestic drama with Bergman playing the role of a French woman who goes back to the American family to whom she had worked as governess and commits a self-sacrificing act in order to save the family honour. Directed by Gregory Ratoff.
4.00 **A Plus 4.** Mavis Nicholson in conversation with Alison Laurie, the winner of the 1985 Pulitzer prize for her nowel, Foreign Affairs.
4.30 **Countdown.** Yesterday's winner is challenged by Paul White.
5.00 **Alice.** The second and final part of the story in which Mel, aided by a gambling win, backs the musical in which Alice is appearing. His decision to sack the star, Joel Grey, leads to a walk-out by the audience on the opening night.
5.30 **Shakespeare Lives.** Michael Bogdanov's Bard's workshop continues with a two part examination of The Tempest. Is it a magical fantasy or a dream within a dream about political dominance and sexual power? (r)
6.00 **The Christians.** Part seven of Bamber Gascoigne's series on the history of Christianity reaches the time of the emergence of Luther and the turbulent period in the development of independence from Rome.
7.00 **Channel Four news** with Alastair Stewart and Nicholas Owen.
7.50 **Comment.** This week's political slot is taken by Dafydd Wigley, the Plaid Cymru MP for Caernarfon.
Weather.
8.00 **The American Century.** How Time Life's cinema news magazine, The March of Time, covered the 1947 - 1949 civil war in Greece (Oracle)
8.30 **Diverse Reports.** Architectural journalist Martin Pawley argues that the increase in property prices is fuelling consumer credit and featherbeds home owners.
9.00 **Prospects.** The first of a new 12-part drama series set in and around the Isle of Dogs in London's East End. The series follows the adventures and mishaps of Jimmy Pince and Billy Pearson, friends since schooldays and life-long islanders. In this opening episode the two young men pool their Giro cheques to finance a dating agency, but 27 female applicants and one male make life difficult for the duo. Starring Gary Olsen and Brian Bovell.
10.00 **Film: Merry Christmas Mr Lawrence** (1982) starring David Bowie. A powerful drama, set in a Japanese prisoner-of-war camp in Java during 1942, about a conflict of ideals between a British prisoner and the Japanese camp commandant. With Tom Conti, Jack Thompson and Ryuichi Sakamoto. Directed by Nagisa Oshima. Ends at **12.10**

Radio 4

5.55 am Shipping **6.00** News Briefing: Weather **6.10** Farming **6.25** Prayer (s) **6.30am** Today, incl **6.30, 7.30, 8.30** News **6.45** Business News **6.55, 7.55** Weather **7.00, 8.00** News **7.25, 8.25** Sport **7.45** Thought For The Day **8.35** Yesterday in Parliament **8.57** Weather: Travel
9.00 News
9.05 Midweek: Libby Purves with studio guests (s)
10.00 News; Gardeners' Question Time. Dr Stefan Buczacki, Fred Downham and Geoffrey Smith tackle listeners' questions (r)
10.30 Morning Story: 'A Bitter Farce' by Delmore Schwartz. Reader: Robert Rietty
10.45 Daily Service (new every morning, page 93) (s)
11.00 News; Travel: Brits Abroad. Susan Marling on emigrant Britons in Canada (r)
11.48 Enquire Within. Neil Landor and specialist experts answer listeners' queries.
12.00 News; You And Yours. Consumer advice, with John Howard
12.27 pm Lord Of Misrule. The battle for the lordship of a Welsh valley in the mid-18th century. (2) The Conjurer's Women (r) (s)
1.00 The World At One: News
1.40 The Archers **1.55** Shipping
2.00 News; Woman's Hour. Includes an interview with the celebrated harpist Maria Robles.
3.00 News; The Afternoon Play. 'Marie' by Brian McAvera. With Maggie Shevlin. The setting: Belfast in 1968 (s)
3.47 Time For Verse. A stroll around the Tate Gallery which recently held a competition for poems inspired by the paintings there.With Kevin Crossley-Holland
4.00 News
4.05 File on 4. With Stuart Simon (r)
4.45 Kaleidoscope. A repeat of last night's edition.It includes comment on the film The Year of the Quiet Sun
5.00 PM: News magazine **5.50** Shipping **5.55** Weather
6.00 News; Financial report
6.30 Film Star. Alexander Walker on Katharine Hepburn
7.00 News
7.05 The Archers
7.20 Women: Equal Sex? Bel Mooney asks four women aged 20 to 50 whether the fairer sex has achieved equality with man. (2) A Woman At Home
7.45 The Mind In Focus. Current thinking in psychology. (2) Public Opinion.With Peter Evans, David Butler, Barbara Mostyn and Robert Worcester.
8.15 Analyses: When East Meets East. David Wheeler on the future of Hong Kong.
9.00 Thirty-Minute Theatre. 'Listening to Sean' by Philip Marriott. With Jamie Roberts and Joe McPartland (r) (s)
9.30 Wives Of The Great Composers. Fritz Spiegl on Minna Wagner
9.45 Kaleidoscope. Includes comment on the Romantic Lebanon exhibition at Leighton House.
10.15 A Book At Bedtime: 'Lake Woebegon Days' by Garrison Keillor, who also reads it (3)
10.30 The World Tonight
11.15 The Financial World Tonight
11.30 Today in Parliament
12.00 News; Weather
12.33 am Shipping Forecast

VHF (available in England and S Wales only) as above except: **5.55-6.00am** Weather; Travel **11.00-12.00** For Schools **1.55-3.00pm** For Schools **5.50-5.55** PM (continued) **11.30-12.10am** Open University **11.30** Introduction to Calculus **11.50** Technology: Dome Sweet Home

Radio 3

6.55 Weather. **7.00** News.
7.05 Morning Concert:Rossini (Italian Girl in Algiers overture); Cardillo (Core 'ngrato,sung by Carreras; Boccherini (Guitar quintet in E minor, G 451); Debussy (Iberia, Images. **8.00** News.
8.05 Concert(contd). Avison (Concerto Grosso No 5); Hook (Lass of Richmond Hill; Tear, tenor); Mozart (Oboe Quartet in F, K 370); Williamson (Sinfonietta). **9.00** News.
9.05 This week's Composers: Delibes (Pas des fleurs, Naila); Massenet (La Navarraise, two-act opera).With cast including Lucia Popp and Alain Vanzo.
10.00 Scottish National Orchestra: MacCunn (overture Land of Mountain and Flood); Sibelius (Symphony No 1).
10.50 Recorder and guitar: John Turner, Neil Smith. Pieter de Vois (Brande Yriandt; Michael Ball (Prospero's Music: (Duarte (Un petit jazz).
11.25 Ayres for the Theatre: Parley of Instruments. Blow (Venus and Adonis); Purcell (Fairy Queen).
12.15 Concert Hall: Ronald Brautigam (piano). Beethoven (Sonata in F sharp, Op 78); Schoenberg (Little Pieces, Op 19); Rachmaninov (Preludes, Op 32,various). **1.00** News.
1.05 Herman Wilson: excerpts from At the Woodwinds' Ball.
1.30 Matinee Musicale: Ulster Orchestra. With Una Hunt(piano). Schubert (overture in D, D 590); Finzi (Ecloque); Elgar (Canto popolare); Albeniz (Granada, Sevilla); Lennox Berkeley (Windsor Variations); Malipiero (Cimarosiana).
2.30 Debussy Piano Works: Martin Roscoe plays Estampes. D'un cahier d'esquisses; Six Etudes, Book 1.
3.10 American portraits: MacDowell (Suite No 2); Copland (Lincoln Portrait).
4.00 Choral Evensong from National Cathedral of St Patrick, Dublin. **4.55** News
5.00 Midweek Choice: Krommer (Octet-Partita in F, Op 57); Bach (Violin Concerto in E, BWV 1042: Anne-Sophia Mutter); Rachmaninov (To the Children: Soderstrom); Giuliani (Guitar concerto in A :John Williams). Strauss (symphonic poem Ein Heldenleben).
7.00 Choral Voices: Sinfonia Chorus.Works by Victoria, Poulenc (Salve regina). Vecchi, Kevin Stephens, Tucapsky
7.30 Voices: play by Susan Griffin.With Faith Brook, Doreen Mantle, Anna Nygh, Karen Brown and Colette Hiller.
8.45 BBC Welsh SO: with Anne-Sophie Mutter (violin), Philip Langridge (tenor), John Birch (organ).BBC Welsh Chorus, Cardiff Polyphonic Choir. Ardwyn Singers,South Glamorgan Junior High Schools Choir: part one. Beethoven (overture Leonora, No 3); Mendelssohn (Violin Concerto).
9.30 Six Continents: Angus McDermid with foreign radio broadcasts.
9.50 Concert:part two. Berlioz (Te Deum, Op 22).
10.40 From a Diary: Ronald Pickup reads the work by Igor Pomerantsev.
11.00 Chamber Music from Manchester: Peter Noke and Helen Kruzos (pianos). Saint-Saens (Variations on a theme of Beethoven. Op 35); Rachmaninov (Symphonic Dances, Op 45)
11.57 News. **12.00** Closedown.

VHF only:Open University. From 8.35am to 6.55. Open Forum:Students' Magazine.

Radio 2

News on the hour (except 9.00pm). Headlines 5.30am, 6.30, 7.30 and 8.30. Sports Desks 1.05pm, 2.02, 3.02, 4.02, 5.05, 6.02, 6.45 (mf only), 9.55.
4.00am Colin Berry (s) **6.00** Ray Moore (s) **8.05** Ken Bruce (s) **10.30** Jimmy Young (s) **1.05pm** David Jacobs (s) **2.00** Gloria Hunniford (s) (phone-in) **3.30** Music All The Way (s) **4.00** David Hamilton (s) **6.00** John Dunn (s) incl at 6.45 (mf only) Sport and Classified Results **8.00** Syd Lawrence (s) **8.45** Big Band Special (s) **9.15** Listen To The Band (Band of The Grenadier Guards) (s) **9.55** Sports Desk **10.00** It's A Funny Business. Mike Craig with Tom Mennard. **10.30** Hubert Gregg says Thanks for the Memory **11.00** Brian Matthew (stereo from midnight) **1.00am** Charles Nove (s) **3.00-4.00** A Little Night Music (s).

Radio 1

News on the half-hour from 6.30am until 9.30pm and at **12.00** midnight. **6.00am** Adrian John **7.30** Mike Read **9.30** Simon Bates **12.30pm** Newsbeat (Frank Partridge) **12.45** Gary Davies **3.00** Steve Wright **5.30** Newsbeat (Frank Partridge) **5.45** Bruno Brookes **7.30** Janice Long **10.00-12.00** John Peel (s) VHF Radios 1 & 2 **4.00am** As Radio 2 **10.00** As Radio 1 **12.00-4.00am** As Radio 2.

WORLD SERVICE

6.00 Newsdesk **7.00** World News **7.09** Twenty-four Hours **7.30** Development '86 **7.45** That's Trad **8.00** World News **8.09** Reflections **8.15** Classical Record Review **8.30** Quote, Unquote **9.00** World News **9.09** Review of the British Press **9.15** The World Today **9.30** Financial News **9.40** Look Ahead **9.45** Flanders and Swann **10.00** News Summary **10.01** Omnibus **10.30** My Word! **11.00** World News **11.09** News About Britain **11.15** Doctor Who **11.25** A Letter From Wales **12.00** Radio Newsreel **12.15** Nature Notebook **12.25** The Farming World **12.45** Sports Roundup **1.00** World News **1.09** Twenty-four Hours **1.30** Development '86 **2.00** Outlook **2.45** Report on Religion **3.00** Radio Newsreel **3.15** In Holy Contemplation **3.30** The Random Jottings of Hinge & Bracket **4.00** World News **4.09** Commentary **4.15** Rock Salad **4.45** The World Today **5.00** World News **5.08** A Letter From Wales **5.15** Monitor **8.00** World News **8.09** Twenty-Four Hours **9.15** Album Time **9.45** Recording of the Week **10.00** World News **10.09** The World Today **10.25** A Letter From Wales **10.30** Financial News **10.45** Reflections **10.45** Sports Roundup **11.00** World News **11.09** Commentary **11.15** Good Books **11.30** Top Twenty **12.00** World News **12.09** News About Britain **12.15** Radio Newsreel **12.30** The Random Jottings of Hinge & Bracket **1.00** News Summary **1.01** Outlook **1.30** Wavequade **1.40** Book Choice **1.45** Monitor **2.00** World News **2.09** Review of the British Press **2.15** Network UK **2.30** Assignment **3.00** World News **3.09** News About Britain **3.15** The World Today **3.30** Journey Through Heaven **4.00** Newsdesk **4.30** Classical Record Review **5.45** The World Today

REGIONAL TELEVISION VARIATIONS

BBC1 WALES-5.35-6.00pm Wales Today **6.35-7.00** Hospital Watch **12.10-12.15am** News and weather **SCOTLAND 10-15-10.30am** Gloma Gochd **5.35-7.00pm** Reporting Scotland **10.30-12.00** Film: Orca ... Killer Whale **12.00-12.05am** Weather **NORTHERN IRELAND 5.35-5.40pm** Today's Sport **5.40-6.00** Inside Ulster **6.35-7.00** Hospital Watch **12.10-12.15am** News and weather **ENGLAND 6.35-7.00pm** Regional news magazines.

CHANNEL As London except: For Openers **1.20pm** Channel News and Weather **1.30-2.30** Shine On Harvey Moon **3.30-4.00** The Young Doctors **5.12-5.15** Puffin's Plaice **6.00-6.35** Channel Report **12.25am** Weather. Close.

TYNE TEES As London except: **9.25-9.30am** North East News **12.30-1.00pm** Regrets (Tony Blackburn) **1.20** North East News **1.25-1.30** Where The Jobs Are **2.25-2.30** Home Cookery Club **3.25-3.30** North East News **5.15-5.45** Terrahawks **6.00-6.35** Northern Life **12.25am** Preparing For Easter '86 **12.30** Close.

YORKSHIRE As London except: **12.30-1.00pm** Calendar Lunchtime News **1.20** Calendar News **1.30-2.30** Falcon Crest **3.25-3.30** Calendar News **5.15-5.45** Survival **6.00-6.35** Calendar **12.15am** Close.

GRANADA As London except: **12.30-1.00pm** 'Writers On Writing (Anthony Powell) **1.20** Granada Reports **1.30-2.30** The Baron **3.25** Granada Reports **3.30-4.00** The Young Doctors **5.15-5.45** The Beverly Hillbillies **6.00** Granada Reports **6.30-6.35** This Is Your Right **12.15am** Close.

ULSTER As London except: **9.25-9.30am** The Day Ahead **1.20-1.30pm** Lunchtime **3.30** Three Little Words **3.58-4.00** Ulster News **5.15-5.45** Terrahawks **6.00-6.35** Good Evening Ulster **12.20am** News.

ANGLIA As London except: **12.30-1.00pm** Mr And Mrs **1.20-1.30** Anglia News And Weather **3.25-3.30** Anglia News **6.00-6.35** About Anglia **12.25am** Starting Point, Close.

TSW As London except: **1.20-1.30pm** TSW News **2.25-2.30** Home Cookery Club **3.25** Sons And Daughters **3.57-4.00** TSW News **5.15** Gus Honeybun's Magic Birthdays **5.20-5.45** Crossroads **6.00** Today South West **6.30-7.00** That's My Dog **12.25am** Postscript **12.30** Close.

BORDER As London except: **12.30-1.00pm** Glenroe **1.20-1.30** Border News **3.30-4.00** The Young Doctors **5.15-5.45** Horses for Courses. **6.00-6.35** Lookaround Wednesday. **12.25am** News Headlines, close.

SCOTTISH As London except: **1.20** Scottish News. **1.30** Job Spot. **1.35-3.00** Film: The Gun (1974). **3.30** Report Back. **6.00-6.35** Scottish News and Scotland Today. **12.25am** Late Call **12.30** Close.

S4C **1.00** Countdown. **1.30** Be Your Own Boss. **2.00** Taro Nodyn. **2.20** Ffalabalam. **2.35** Cpolwg. **2.55** Interval. **3.00** The Christians. **4.00** A plus 4. **4.30** Film: The Railrodder" (Buster Keaton). **5.00** Pob's Programme. **6.00** Brookside. **6.30** Pwl. **7.00** Newyddion Saith. **7.30** Portreadau. **8.00** Drannoeth Y Flair. **8.30** Y Byd Ar Bedwar, News Headlines. **9.05** Film: Android (1982). **10.35** Diverse reports. **11.05** The Comic Strip Presents: Slags. **11.40** It's a long way from Tipperary and Armagh. **12.40** Close.

CENTRAL As London except: **12.30** Something to Treasure. **1.20** Central News. **1.30** Scarecrow and Mrs King. **3.25** Central News. **5.15** Off the Rack. **6.00** Crossroads. **6.25** Central News. **12.25am** Film: Death Stalk (1975). **1.45** Close.

GRAMPIAN As London except: **9.25** First Thing. **1.20** North News. **3.25** North Headlines. **6.00** North Tonight and Weather. **12.25am** News headlines and weather. **12.30** Close.

TVS As London except: **9.25-9.30** TVS Outlook. **1.20** TVS News. **3.27** TVS News followed by The Young Doctors. **5.12-5.15** TVS News headlines. **6.00-6.35** Coast to Coast. **12.25am** Company, close.

HTV WEST As London except: **1.20** HTV News. **1.30** Hart to Hart. **3.25** HTV News. **5.15-5.45** Survival. **6.00-6.35** HTV News. **12.25am** Weather. close.

HTV WALES As HTV West except: **11.20am-11.35** About Wales. **6.00pm-6.35** Wales at Six.

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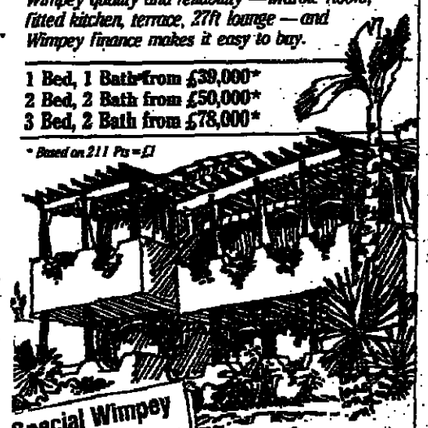
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Television world sees Granada as Britain's best

By David Hewson and Patricia Clough

Granada Television, which went on the air in May 1956, is regarded in international television circles as Britain's foremost commercial television company, belying ITV's down-market audience-grabbing image.

Granada Television began breaking new ground in political reporting in 1958 when it covered the Rochdale by-election, the first to be shown on British television. It then went on to give the first day-by-day coverage of party conferences.

It pioneered TV investigative reporting when it began hosting the *World in Action* in 1963 – a show which went on to bring it both trouble and success.

In 1959, it started screening science programmes for sixth form school students.

Coronation Street was launched in 1960 without Granada Television knowing or imagining that the soap opera, dedicated to the daily lives of ordinary folk, would become its longest-running success. The popular serial is now in its 26th year.

But for the company, the early days were difficult financially, as they were for all independent television companies whose advertising did not rise to meet expectations.

Based in Manchester, the company went on the air under a contract to serve the north of England five days a week. It later switched to a seven-day-a-week contract for the north-west. The north-eastern area was then taken over by Yorkshire Television.

Last month, talks between Granada Television and Ladbrokes on a possible merger or cooperation ended without agreement or regret. Granada now remains the only independent television company to have survived since the 1950s in its present form.

It is regarded by many, particularly in the United States, as superior to the BBC for some of its programmes, two of which, *Brideshead Revisited* and *The Jewel in the Crown*, have become Britain's greatest international television successes of the 1980s. Both serials earned international Emmy awards.

The company has a long track record of producing quality drama for general consumption as a matter of policy.

Much of the credit for its recent successes has been attributed to its chairman, Sir Denis Forman, and its managing director, Mr David Plowright.

Lord Olivier made his first Shakespearean production for television in Granada's *King Lear*. The production, first seen on Channel Four at Easter 1983, has since won many international awards. Lord Olivier, who is married to Mr Plowright's sister, actress Joan Plowright, has had a working relationship with Granada since the 1960s.

Rank makes £740m offer for Granada

Continued from page 1

through Butlin's and its share of Cal Air, formerly British Caledonian Airways.

But one possible snag for Rank could be the Granada television contract. Any change of ownership has to win approval from the Independent Broadcasting Authority. Rank owns Pinewood Studios and the Odeon and Gaumont cinema chain and any conflict of interest appears unlikely.

An IBA spokesman said yesterday: "We would need to be assured that there would be no change in the nature of the business".

Mr Bernstein's board predictably rejected the bid yesterday. He said the offer had no logic and he knocked down Rank's plans for selling holidays in television shops. " I can't think of any reason why our customers should want to go to Butlin's".

Merger will father a leisure megagiant

Rank Organisation's £740 million offer for Granada - the latest city megabid - will, if successful, create a huge leisure and entertainments empire offering a "cradle to grave" service embracing television, video, cinema, bingo, holidays, and catering. The combined group will employ around 35,000 workers and boast profits of more than £200 million.

The bid has pitted two distinctly different management styles against each other. On the one hand there is the new, tough professional team at Rank headed by Sir Patrick Meaney and his right-hand man, the chief executive Mr Michael Gifford, brought in by the city institutions when Rank produced a string of disappointing results three years ago.

On the other, Mr Alex Bernstein, the head of Granada, represents the third generation of Bernsteins and is likely to put up fierce resistance to prevent the end of the dynasty.





Violet Carson as Mrs Sharples in Coronation Street



Anthony Andrews and Jeremy Irons (Brideshead Revisited); Charles Dance with Geraldine James (Jewel in the Crown).

Granada

TV rental: Granada has a strong high street presence through 650 television rental shops. Since it took over Rediffusion nearly two years ago, the two chains have been merged and the Rediffusion name has now disappeared along with some 150 shops. The combined group now has two million customer accounts.

The merger turned Granada into the largest single rental brand in the country. It also offers customers the chance to buy sets, as many now prefer. Usually these are Granada-branded products, but in Scotland the group is experimenting with other manufacturers' television sets.

TV programmes: *The Jewel in the Crown*, a Granada Televison production, has received huge acclaim all over the world. More recently Granada has produced *The Adventures of Sherlock, The Brothers McGregor* and other successes.

These programmes have increased Granada's already strong reputation, backed by documentaries such as *World in Action*, and Channel 4 contributions including *End of Empire* and *What The Papers Say*.

Many of the programmes, notably *Coronation Street*, have sold successfully overseas. Last year Granada sold 3,300 hours of televison to 79 countries.

M-way services: With 13 motorway service areas, Granada is the largest operator in the country, serving 50 million customers annually. Last year it opened a new service area at Ferrybridge, on the junction of the M62 and A1, and this year it plans to open new service stations near Stirling and Newbury.

As well as the usual array of canteens, shops and petrol services, the new areas will include small hotels, designed for weary drivers, whether they are travelling on business or with their families.

Profits from this business are growing fast but the current spate of new sites should help continue the momentum.

Bingo clubs: Since the beginning of last year Granada has acquired 12 bingo clubs, taking the total operated in the Granada Theatre divison to 52. In Morecombe it opened a £1 million-plus, purpose-built club to replace the original building destroyed by floods in 1983.

Another club was opened at Ilford, on the site of a former cinema, at a cost of £750,000. In addition two clubs were refurbished to provide the latest in bingo technology.

This spring sees the start of a national bingo game, involving a nightly national prize of £50,000 and regional prizes of £10,000. This should attract more participants to Granada's clubs. In addition the Odeon cinemas are drawing new audiances.

Music publishing: The division's current claim to fame is that it holds the exclusive rights to Andrew LLoyd Webber's *Requiem* for the United Kingdom, Ireland and Europe. The company is also the sole sales agent for G Schirmer, a major American music publisher.

Rank's empire

Films: Rank's film and television business is known throughout the world. Ten major film productions were handled at Pinewood Studios last year including the latest James Bond, *A View to a Kill*.

The video cassette business issued titles such as *Alice in Wonderland* and *Woman in Red*.

The Odeon and Gaumont cinema chains have been enjoying buoyant times with admissions up by 48 per cent last year.

A lesser known side of the business is the film processing operation which recently won a Queen's Award for Technical Achievement.

Holidays: Rank claims to be the biggest UK holiday operator handling two million bookings a year.

It owns Butlin's, which is spending heavily on improving its facilities for holiday-makers. About £10 million is being spent on the Minehead centre with a new indoor water leisure complex, cabaret bar and deluxe accommodation.

Rank also owns 50 per cent of Cal Air International, formerly British Caledonian Airways, caravan parks, leisure hotels, marinas, and a string of bingo clubs which are expected to benefit from a change in the law allowing a daily prize of £50,000.

Hotels: The group owns a number of top-rate London hotels, including the Royal Lancaster, which have done well from the increase in tourism of the last few years. Much has been spent on improving their standards.

At the Gloucester Hotel a new 500 seat conference and banqueting suite have been built, while at other hotels improvements are taking place at restaurants, bars and public areas.

M-way services: Rank operates 19 motorway service areas including the Aust on the M4 overlooking the Severn Bridge, where a new cafeteria restaurant, shop and transport drivers' club have been opened.

High-tech: Rank Precision Industries fails to attract the spotlight but remains a significant part of the group. The business provides a range of high tech equipment sold to television companies around the world.

Rank Cintel is a leading supplier of telecine equipment used for the conversion of images on motion picture film to electronic signals. It has just launched a new range of video equipment which enables information in microform to be stored and remotely accessed.

Another company in the division makes meteorological instruments.

Xerox: One of the mainstays of the group for years has been its stake in Rank Xerox, the photocopier associate. Last year, for the first time in 20 years, Rank succeeded in earning more profits from its other activities than from its shareholding in the Xerox machines.

This has come as welcome relief, particularly as the marketplace grows increasingly tough for photocopier firms.

Overseas: In the United States Rank has started work on a major leisure project at Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, a fast growing holiday and recreation area, involving building of a hotel, apartment blocks, and villas.

It also runs a specialist lighting company

THE TIMES INFORMATION SERVICE

Today's events

Royal engagements

The Princess of Wales, President, Dr. Barnardo's, visits the Druids Heath Centre, Stonnall Road, Walsall, 10.45; and later, as President, The British Deaf Association, opens a hostel for deaf, homeless people of the Caldmore Area Housing Association, Caldmore Green, Walsall, 1.30.

Princess Alice, Duchess of Gloucester, attends the annual Election Court Service of the Fanmakers's Company, St Botolph's Church, 6; followed by a reception, St Botolph's Hall, Bishopsgate.

The Duke of Kent, Vice Chairman, the British Overseas Trade Board, visits Wayne Kerr, Ignor Regis, 11.30; and later visits Dando Drilling Systems, Wharf Road, Little Hampton., 2.30.

The Duchess of Kent presents the *Daily Star* Gold Star Awards, Inn on the Park, W1, 12.30.

Last chance to see

Nautech: a company's design path to succes; The Design Centre, 28 Haymarket, SW1; 10 to 8.

Music

Recital by John Potter (tenor) and Trevor Hold (piano); Belvoir Room Charles Wilson Building, Leicester University, 1.10.

Organ recital by Alison Howell, 1.15, Songs Spirituals Madrigals and Light Music with St. Brides Fleet Street Choir and Soloists, 6.30, St. Brides Church, Fleet Street.

Trinity College of Music Chamber Orchestra, St. James's, Piccadilly, 7.30.

Piano recital by Misha Dichter, 1; Concert by the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra, 7.45, Barbican Hall.

Piano recital by Nina Sereda, St. Olave, Hart St, 1.05.

Bach and his contemporaries: organ recital by Richard Townend, St. Margaret, Lothbury, 1.10.

Recital by the Calmus Trio, St. Margaret Pattens Church, EC3, 1.10.

Concert by the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra, Birmingham Town Hall, 7.30.

Recital by the Medici String Quartet, St. Martin-in-the-Fields, Trafalgar Square, 7.30.

Student early music society, Guildhall School of Music and Drama, 6.30.

Talks, lectures, films

Collectors & Collections - What are the Criteria? by Mary Regan, John Hansard Gallery, The University, Southampton, 7.30.

The Middle East, by Sir Anthony Parsons, Liskeard Public Rooms, 7.

Charles I and the ruin of the British monarchy, by Dr. J.S. Morrill, Room 141, Elvet Riverside Lecture Rooms, (Stage II), New Elvet, Durham University, 6.15.

The National Gallery - Acquisitions of the past ten years, by Sir Michael Levey, Dulwich Picture Gallery, SE21, 8.

Ambrogio Lorenzetti: The Artist as Political Philosopher, by Prof Quentin Skinner, Academy Lecture Hall, 20-21 Cornwall Terrace, NW1, 5.

Mind the gap, by Linbert Spencer, St. James's Church, Piccadilly, 1.05.

Typology, by Charles Hope, Warburg Institute, Woburn Sq, WC1, 5.30.

The East Anglian period of manuscript painting, 12.30; Medieval Apocalypses, 2, by Penelope Wallis, Seminar Room, British Library galleries, Great Russel St.

The Role of the Observer in Science, by Prof R.L. Gregory, Large Lecture Theatre, Physics Poynting Building, Birmingham University of 11.

Genius, talent and failure: The Bronte family, by Christopher Fry, The Great Hall, Strand Campus, WC2, 5.30.

Francis Hayman and Vauxhall gardens, by Brian Allen, The Art Workers' Guild, 6 Queen Square, WC1, 7.30.

Edinburgh's Colonies by Rosemary J. Pipes, William Robertson Building (Room 8) George Sq, Edinburgh, 7.15.

Five Faces of the Church, by The Rev Ivor Smith-Cameron; Essex University, Colchester, 1.

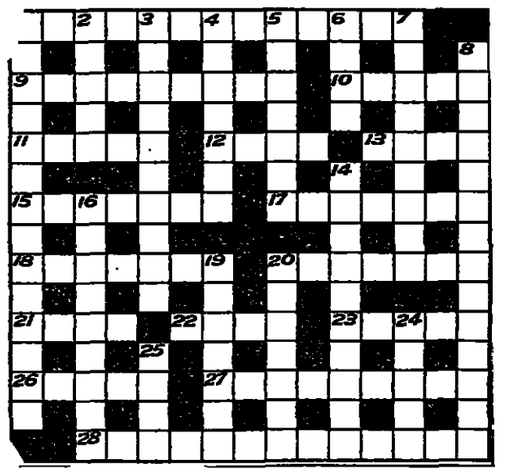
Joseph Wright, painter of industry, by David Fraser, The National Gallery, Trafalgar Sq, WC2, 1.

Fashion Revivals, by Dr Jennifer Harris, The Whitworth Art Gallery, Manchester, 1.

The United Kingdom Search and Rescue Organisation, by Lt Cdr H.J. Neill, RAF Club, 128 Piccadilly, W1, 3.30.

My faith and contemporary life, by Cardinal Basil Hume, Archbishop of Westminster, St Lawrence Jewry, Guildhall, 1.15.

The Times Crossword Puzzle No 16,973



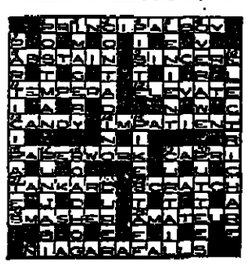
ACROSS

1 Everyone says scab can't - you'll have to work (2,3,8).
9 Concerning a piece from a cask (2,7).
10 Sure about king (5).
11 US prosecutor takes tea in Russian country house (5).
12 Protection against birds put round a spruce (4).
13 Overcrowded buildings, fifty in total (4).
15 At regular intervals, chivalrous king disappears (7).
17 Hence trammelling doctor with a prohibition (7).
18 A line from Henry to the court (7).
20 Sort out target, zero in and finish off (7).
21 Burn a summons (4).
22 One who wrote many a verse (4).
23 It sounds big to have to reduce to little bits (5).
26 Space in which the culmination of the action occurs (5).
27 Getting down to earth, basic instruction (9).
28 Cross the Rubicon, or jump in? (4,3,6).

DOWN

1 Hippy resolves to be a bit hard on me (5,2,3,4).
2 Detectives take it up as an aid to detection (5).
3 To induce error, relays data in garbled form (4,6)
4 Reticent about information given to head of CID – it could produce conviction (7).
5 Insult not in vogue (7).
6 The devil can (4).
7 Suspect foul play when the fish eat Tennyson's headless lady (5,1,3).
8 Conservatives make a bloomer with historic measure (8,6).
14 Oldest inhabitant negotiated oil bargain (10).
16 Bird or heraldic device (9).
19 Should be under the doctor when it doesn't rain (7).
20 Pulpit covered with scrambled egg - it's yellow (7).
24 Like a Scotsman or an Indian (5).
25 Second player (4).

Solution of Puzzle No 16,972



Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Debates on Opposition motions on strategic defence initiative and on treatment of private tenants.

Lords (2.30): Debate on economic situation.

Tower Bridge

Tower Bridge will be lifted today at 9.30 am.

Books – Hardback

The Literary Editor's selection of interesting books published this week
A Stillness Heard Round The World, The End of the Great War: November 1918, by Stanley Weintraub (Allen & Unwin, £16.95)
Pursued by a Bear, An autobiography, by David Howarth (Collins, £12.95)
Reflections of a Non-Political Man, by Thomas Mann, translated by Walter D. Morris (Lorimer, £19.50)
Rodin's Thinker and the Dilemmas of Modern Public Sculpture, by Albert E. Elsen (Yale, £22, paperback £8.95)
The Concept of Reality, by Edo Pivčević (Duckworth, £19.95)
The Victorian Mirror of History, by A. Dwight Culler (Yale, £22.50)
The Young Hemingway, by Michael Reynolds (Blackwell, £14.95)
Treason in Tudor England, Politics and Paranoia, by Lacey Baldwin Smith (Cape, £16)
William Shakespeare, by Terry Eagleton (Blackwell, £12.50, paperback £3.95)
With Fondest Regards, by Françoise Sagan, translated by Christine Donougher (W.H. Allen, £9.95)

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The pound

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.14	2.00
Austria Sch	24.35	23.15
Belgium Fr	72.00	68.20
Canada $	2.066	1.97
Denmark Kr	12.88	12.18
Finland Mkk	7.84	7.44
France Fr	19.67	18.12
Germany Dm	3.48	3.30
Greece Dr	248.00	223.00
Hong Kong $	11.40	10.90
Ireland Pt	1.16	1.10
Italy Lira	2375.00	2265.00
Japan Yen	270.00	258.00
Netherlands Gld	3.91	3.72
Norway Kr	10.85	10.30
Portugal Esc	224.25	213.25
South Africa Rd	3.15	2.85
Spain Pta	215.00	203.00
Sweden Kr	11.80	10.45
Switzerland Fr	2.87	2.72
USA $	1.48	1.42
Yugoslavia Dnr	550.00	490.00

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques and other foreign currency business.

Retail Price Index: 378.9
London: the FT index closed up 13.6 at 1,234.3

Anniversaries

Births: **David Garrick**, Hereford, 1717; **Luigi Boccherini**, Lucia, Italy, 1743; **Sir Roderick Murchison**, geologist, Tarrandale, Ross & Cromarty, 1792; **Adelina Patti**, Madrid, 1843; **Sven Hedin**, explorer, Stockholm, 1865.

Deaths: **Georg Büchner**, dramatist, Zürich, 1837; **Blondin (Jean-François Gravelet)**, tightrope walker, London, 1897; **Andre Gide**, writer, Nobel laureate, 1947, Paris, 1951; **Knut Hamsun**, novelist and poet, Nobel laureate 1920, Grimstad, Norway, 1952; **John Grierson**, pioneer of documentary film, Bath, 1972.

Roads

London and the South-east: A3: burst water main at Wandsworth High St: diversions westbound: A41: outside lane closed in both directions at Hendon Way, Brent Cross, near the A406; M25: Swanley-Sevenoaks section opens at about noon.

The Midlands: M5: Widening work SW of Birmingham, Hereford and Worcester: two lanes open southbound, one lane northbound, between junctions 4 and 5; M5: (West Midlands) repairs: contraflow between junctions 2 and 3; A34, Warwickshire: roadworks on Birmingham to Stratford road, Henley-in-Arden: temporary lights.

Wales and the West: M5, Weston-super-Mare, traffic reduced to two lanes on both carriageways between junction 21 and 22; A36 Salisbury, Wiltshire: widening work in Wilton Road; A470, S Glamorgan: outside lane closed on both carriageways.

The North: M1 S Yorkshire: contraflow at junction 32, M18 interchange, for bridge repairs; A49 Cheshire, bypass construction N and S of Tarporley; A6120: (Leeds outer ring road) delays at peak times.

Scotland: M74 Lanarkshire: no petrol available to northbound traffic at Hamilton services between 7am and 5pm; A94 Perthshire: single lane traffic, temporary lights at Pitcullen Crescent/Pedwarden Road; A702 Edinburgh: width restrictions on Lothian Road northbound between Fountain Bridge and Morrison St.

Snow Reports

	Depth (cm) L	U	Piste	Conditions Off Piste	Runs to resort	Weather (5pm)	°C
AUSTRIA							
Kitzbühel	55	170	good	varied	fair	cloud	3
A good skiing over 1,300m							
Ischgl	100	190	good	fair	fine	fine	-1
Warm sunshine; lovely conditions							
FRANCE							
Les Arcs	120	185	good	varied	good	cloud	-2
Worn patches on some slopes							
Val Thorens	130	230	good	varied	good	fair	4
Challenging off piste							
ITALY							
Selva	120	140	good	varied	good	snow	-5
Good skiing and snow falling							
SWITZERLAND							
Grindelwald	30	9	fair	heavy	fair	föhn	4
New snow hoped for soon							
Gstaad	35	140	powder	good	sun	fair	1
Fresh snow on firm base							
St Moritz	100	150	good	varied	good	fair	-2
Light snow on hard base							
Verbier	50	130	good	varied	fair	föhn	1
Slopes excellent							
Wengen	40	100	fair	varied	good	cloud	2
Pistes becoming worn							
Zermatt	80	140	good	varied	good	fine	1
Glacier closed: high winds							

In the above reports, supplied by representatives of the Ski Club of Great Britain, L refers to lower slopes and U to upper, and art to artificial.

These are Monday's figures

Weather

A cold NE airstream will continue to dominate the country.

6am to midnight

London, SE, E, Central N, NE England, E Anglia, E Midlands: Mainly cloudy, scattered, mainly light, snow showers. Winds mainly E light or moderate, perhaps locally fresh at first. Very cold, Max temp 1c (34f).

Central S, NW England, W Midlands, Wales, Lake District, Isle of Man, SW Scotland, Glasgow, Argyll, N Ireland: Cloudy but with sunny intervals. Isolated light snow showers. Winds mainly E or SE, light or moderate. Cold. Max temp 4c (39f).

Channel Is, SW England: Rather cloudy, some bright periods; isolated snow or sleet showers. Winds NE or E moderate, perhaps fresh at first. Cold. Max temp 4c (39f).

Borders, Edinburgh, Dundee, Aberdeen, Central Highlands, Moray Firth, NE Scotland, Orkney, Shetland: Rather cloudy, snow showers, heavy or prolonged at times. Winds mainly E, light or moderate, veering SE and increasing fresh later. Cold. Max 3c (37f).

NW Scotland: Sunny periods, isolated snow showers, perhaps heavy. Winds variable, mainly light. Near normal. Max temp 5c (41f).

Outlook for tomorrow and Friday: Little change, perhaps snow in the SW later.

Sun Rises: 7.07 am Sun Sets: 5.22 pm
Moon sets 4.28 am Moon rises 11.17 am
Full moon: February 24.

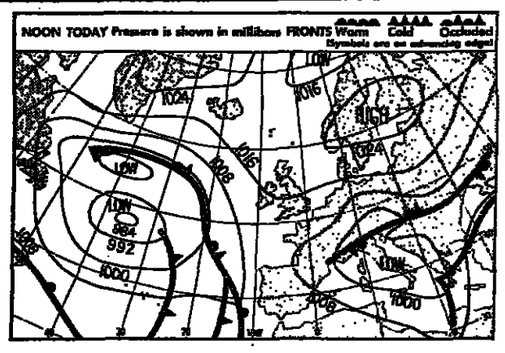
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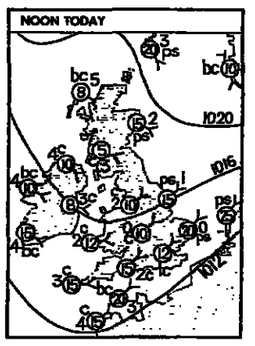
London 5.52 pm to 6.35 am
Bristol 6.02 pm to 6.45 am
Edinburgh 5.55 pm to 6.57 am
Manchester 5.57 pm to 6.48 am
Penzance 6.17 pm to 6.54 am

Yesterday

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

		C	F			C	F
Belfast	f	4	39	Guernsey	f	3	37
B'mingham	c	1	34	Inverness	f	3	37
Blackpool	c	3	37	Jersey	s	2	36
Bristol	sn	1	34	London	c	1	34
Cardiff	sn	0	32	M'chester	c	2	36
Edinburgh	f	3	37	Newcastle	c	3	37
Glasgow	c	5	41	R'aldsway	f	3	37





b-blue sky; bc-blue sky and cloud; c-cloudy; o-overcast; f-fog; d drizzle; h-hail; mist mist; r rain; s snow; th-thunderstorm; p-showers. Arrows show wind direction, wind speed (mph) circled. Temperature centigrade.

High Tides

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	9.07	5.3	9.38	5.4
Aberdeen	9.21	3.1	9.59	3.1
Avonmouth	1.47	9.2	2.47	9.2
Belfast	7.04	2.7	7.47	2.7
Cardiff	1.32	8.8	2.32	8.6
Devonport	12.43	4.1	1.26	4.0
Dover	6.52	4.8	7.51	4.9
Falmouth	12.13	3.9	12.56	3.8
Glasgow	7.37	4.1	9.00	4.0
Harwich	6.55	3.1	7.54	3.0
Holyhead	6.14	4.1	6.57	4.1
Hull	1.27	5.5	2.8	5.4
Ilfracombe	12.53	6.2	1.52	6.2
Leith	10.26	4.1	11.00	4.2
Liverpool	6.46	6.7	7.33	6.8
Lowestoft	4.57	1.9	5.47	1.9
Margate	7.30	3.8	8.11	3.7
Milford Haven	1.17	4.8	2.18	4.8
Newquay	12.17	4.9	1.17	4.9
Oban	1.35	2.8	2.42	2.9
Penzance	m'nte	4.1	12.40	4.0
Portland	12.16	1.3	1.08	1.2
Portsmouth	7.00	3.5	8.02	3.4
Shoreham	6.36	4.4	7.33	4.5
Southampton	6.24	3.5	7.21	3.5
Swansea	1.21	6.6	2.08	6.8
Tees	11.58	4.0		
Wilton-on-Nze	6.50	3.1	7.41	3.0

Tide measured in metres: 1m=3.2808ft.

Around Britain

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
EAST COAST					
Scarboro	-	-	3	37	dull
Bridlington	0.2	0.01	1	34	cloudy
Cromer	-	-	0	32	dull
Lowestoft	-	-	-2	28	snow
Clacton	-	-	0	32	cloudy
Margate					
SOUTH COAST					
Folkestone	-	-	-1	30	dull
Hastings	-	-	-1	30	cloudy
Eastbourne	-	-	0	32	dull
Brighton	0.6	-	-2	28	cloudy
Worthing	0.7	-	0	32	cloudy
Littlehampton	0.6	-	0	32	cloudy
Bognor R	0.9	-	0	32	cloudy
Southsea	1.0	-	0	32	cloudy
Sandown	-	-	0	32	dull
Shanklin	-	-	0	32	cloudy
Bournemth	2.3	-	0	32	bright
Poole	1.5	-	1	34	cloudy
Swanage	-	-	1	34	cloudy
Weymouth	0.5	-	0	32	dull
Exmouth	-	-	3	37	dull
Teignmouth	-	-	2	36	cloudy
Torquay	-	-	1	34	dull
Falmouth	-	-	4	39	cloudy
Penzance	-	0.03	4	39	gale
Jersey	4.0	-	3	37	bright
Guernsey	2.3	-	3	37	bright
WEST COAST					
Scilly Isles		- 0.12	4	39	gale
Newquay	-	-	2	36	cloudy
Ilfracombe	-	-	4	39	dull
Tenby	0.1	-	1	34	cloudy
Colwyn Bay	2.1	-	1	34	cloudy
Morecambe	3.7	-	2	36	bright
Douglas	0.1	-	1	34	cloudy
ENGLAND AND WALES					
London	1.2	-	2	36	bright
B'haus Airpt	-	-	-1	30	cloudy
Bristol (City)	-	-	0	32	snow
Cardiff (City)	-	-	0	32	cloudy
Anglesey	8.1	-	2	36	sunny
B'pool Airpt	1.3	-	2	36	cloudy
Manchester	1.7	-	0	32	cloudy
Nottingham		- 0.04	-2	28	snow
N'cstl-o-Tyne	0.1	0.01	1	34	snow
Carlisle	2.0	-	2	36	cloudy
SCOTLAND					
Edinburgh	0.3	-	-1	30	cloudy
Prestwick	2.4	-	3	37	bright
Glasgow	1.1	-	3	37	cloudy
Tiree	6.4	-	6	43	sunny
Stornoway	6.8	-	6	43	sunny
Lerwick	0.2	0.01	4	39	hail
Wick	0.6	0.01	4	39	showers
Kinloss	1.5	-	4	39	cloudy
Aberdeen		- 0.08	3	37	snow
St. Andrews		- 0.04	2	36	snow
Edinburgh		- 0.01	2	36	snow
NORTHERN IRELAND					
Belfast	-	-	2	36	cloudy

These are Monday's figures

Abroad

MIDDAY: c, cloud; d, drizzle; f, fair; fg, fog; r, rain; s, sun; sn, snow; t, thunder.

		C	F			C	F			C	F
Ajaccio	f	15	55	Cologne	sn	-3	27	Majorca	f	15	59	Rome			
Alicnte	s	18	64	Cyprus	s	-2	28	Malaga	c	14	57	Salzburg	s	1	34
Alex'dria	c	19	66	Corfu				Malta				S Paulo*	f	31	88
Algiers	c	17	63	Dublin	c	3	37	Mallorca	c	20	68	S Prieco*	c	15	59
Amst'dm	c	-1	30	Dubrovk	c	12	54	Mexico C*	s	19	66	Santiago*	s	28	82
Athens				Faro	f	14	57	Miami*	s	27	81	Seoul	r	4	39
Bahrain	f	19	66	Florence				Milan				Singapor			
Barbados*	f	28	82	Frankfurt	s	-4	25	Montreal*	sb	-8	16	Stkholm	s	-8	18
Barcelna	s	16	61	Funchal	c	17	63	Moscow	sn	-8	18	Stuttg'rg	sn	-5	23
Beirut				Geneva	fg	2	36	Munich	s	-1	30	Sydney	c	26	79
Belgrade	r	5	41	Gibraltar				Nairobi	f	26	82	Tangier			
Berlin	sn	-5	23	Helsinki	s	-10	14	Naples				Tel Aviv	s	18	64
Bermuda*	s	19	66	Hong K	s	15	66	N Delhi	s	24	75	Tenerife	c	20	68
Biarritz	c	10	50	Innsbruck	f	4	39	N York*	c	1	34	Tokyo	sn	1	34
Boul'ne	f	-1	30	Istanbul				Nice	r	8	46	Toronto*	d	-2	28
Borde'x	f	9	48	Jeddah	s	28	82	Oslo	s	-3	27	Tunis	s	17	63
Brussels	sn	-3	27	Jo'burg*	f	24	75	Paris	s	-1	30	Valencia	s	16	61
Budapst	c	2	36	Karachi	s	26	77	Peking	c	0	32	Vanc'ver*	c	-1	30
B Aires*	s	25	79	L Palmas	c	20	68	Perth				Venice			
Cairo	s	20	68	Lisbon	s	13	55	Prague	sn	-4	25	Vienna	dr	0	32
Cape Tn	s	31	88	Locarno	c	2	35	Reykjvik	f	2	36	Warsaw	c	-4	25
C'blanca				Luxembg	s	-5	23	Rhodes				Wash'ton*	f	11	52
Chicago*	fg	1	34	L Angels*	c	15	59	Riyadh	s	24	75	Wel'ngtn	f	21	70
Cle'ranch	s	19	66	Madrid	c	10	50	Rio de J*	c	31	88	Zurich	c	1	34

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